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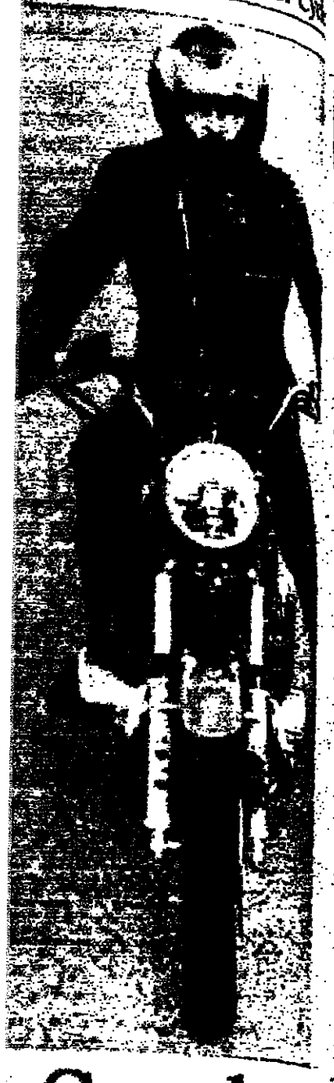
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Palace condemns 'trick'

Hoaxers broadcast talk with Queen

BY OLIVER AUGUST AND TOM RHODES

THE QUEEN was duped into discussing the Quebec referendum in a telephone conversation with a comedian who pretended to be the Canadian Prime Minister.

The discussion, which lasted 17 minutes, was broadcast on Montreal radio last night and the Queen was heard speaking in both English and French.

Pierre Brassard, who has previously tricked the Pope into an interview using the same ruse, was put through to the Queen on Thursday after she had taken a series of calls from the Prime Minister Jean Chretien. On this occasion, however, M Chretien was campaigning for Monday's referendum on whether Quebec should separate from the rest of Canada.

During the conversation, the Queen unwittingly promised to back Canadian unity, saying "If I can help in any way I will be very happy to do so."

M Brassard went on to tell her that there could be a monetary crisis in Canada as a result of the referensum and discussed whether to put her picture on a $2 bill or on a discount tyre store cash coupon.

Only when Buckingham Palace staff returned the call did they discover that they had been fooled. Last night the Palace confirmed that M Brassard's call had been connected and said: "The whole incident was extremely regrettable."

A spokesman added: "This was a carefully-contrived confidence trick. This person misrepresented himself throughout. M Chretien is well known to the Queen and to senior Palace officials, but the hoaxer is clearly able to mimic the Canadian Prime Minister exactly. We are told that he has done this kind of thing before.

"It is regretable, particularly that someone should misrepresent themselves as a head of government in this way. Hoaxers may have tried to get through to the Queen in the past, but they didn't succeed. The fact that this person did get through is an irritant when the Queen has more important things do do."

M Brassard broadcast the conversation on his show on the Montreal-based radio station CKOI last night and sent a fax to Buckingham Palace saying the call was intended as an innocuous joke and that he meant no disrespect by it. The French-language rock station—pronounced *C'est quoi*? — is aimed at young people and is well-known for pulling such pranks.

Julie Laserrie, a programmer for the show, said: "I cannot tell you how he got through, but I can confirm that Pierre, as Jean Chretien, spoke to the Queen for some time and she was extremely nice."

M Brassard, who specialises in mimicking politicians, is a member of a comic troupe called Les Bleues Poudres (the Blue Powders), who have made their name by telephoning famous people.

Last April he telephoned the Pope pretending to be Mr Chretien and hours later their 18-minute conversation was broadcast on CKOI-FM.

The interviewer told the Pope that he intended to amend the constitution to guarantee the right to life. The Pope said : "I hope that will help us doing the (women's international) conference in Peking."

The Pope was then asked if he would make another visit to Canada. He replied: "Not right now." M Brassard then asked the Pope if he would attach a toy propellor to his hat before admitting who he was. The Pope took the hoax in good spirits, laughed and said: "God bless you and God bless Canada," before ringing off.

The Canadian Broadcasting Company said that it was unlikely that action would be taken against CKOI. "They are just a bunch of comedians," an official said. "They have got through to the head of state in Haiti once and to the Pope. I don't think the authorities will take action against him. It is just a joke."

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The Queen: duped into 17-minute radio conversation with impersonator

Compensation for women as judge condemns asbestos firm

BY PAUL WILKINSON

TWO women yesterday became the first to win compensation for the effects of asbestos, even though neither had worked with the material.

Their High Court victory in Leeds against the British-based multinational T&N, whose conduct of its case was severely criticised by the judge, could trigger scores of claims from victims whose only connection with cancer-causing asbestos was living near a factory producing it.

T&N, which was called Turner & Newall until 1987, has already paid £250 million worldwide to people directly affected by asbestosis and other related diseases.

The test cases were brought by two people who had spent their childhood more than 50 years ago living under the shadow of the T&N subsidiary JW Roberts and had developed asbestos-provoked cancers in later life. The factory in the Armley district of Leeds made insulating matresses for steam engine boilers. It closed in 1959.

June Hancock, 59, who was awarded £65,000, is dying of mesothelioma, a cancer of the chest lining. As a child in the late 1930s and early 1940s, she played among the dust that drifted from Roberts's into the surrounding back-to-back terraces. Her doctors have told her she has little more than two years to live. She began her action 13 months ago after her mother had died from the same ailment; soon afterwards she herself was diagnosed a victim.

Evelyn Margereson, 69, was awarded £50,000 for the death four years ago of her husband Arthur, a lorry driver. He too had mesothelioma. She took up the claim he had originally begun in 1991. Mr Margereson had lived near the factory from soon after his birth in 1925 until the 1950s. Both women had legal aid.

In his judgment, Mr Justice Holland said that Roberts had paid far less attention to controlling asbestos dust than other factories. One survey had indicated that it could have reduced the escapes by up to 85 per cent. Instead, it had chosen to spend the money on higher wages to overcome employees' fears of the long-term effects of exposure to asbestos.

The judge painted a picture of a callous multinational which had long ago lost any benevolent attitude to the community in which it was based. He accused T&N of deliberately trying to delay the case.

He said there was "a wish to contest these claims by any means possible, legitimate or otherwise, so as to wear them down by attrition".

There had been difficulties over disclosing documents and the two claimants had been greatly helped by lawyers in New York using American rights of access to papers in a parallel claim by the Chase Manhattan Bank over asbestos in its headquarters.

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The Times has gained more than 300,000 new readers since last year and is Britain's most successful national newspaper, according to the National Readership Survey for April to September. Average daily readership is up to 1,789,000, an increase of 23.5 per cent over the same months last year, against only 3 per cent for *The Daily Telegraph* and a fall of 2.5 per cent for *The Independent*.

Alcohol binge clue to Yeltsin illness

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT YELTSIN'S disappearance from public view after his high-profile trip to America has raised speculation that he may have gone on a drinking binge and fallen ill two days before he was admitted to hospital suffering from a serious heart complaint.

According to reports in Moscow, there is growing circumstantial evidence to suggest that the Russian leader's condition deteriorated soon after he boarded a flight home after his meeting with President Clinton on Monday.

Journalists accompanying the President were scheduled to be briefed by him before he left New York and he was due to give a television interview once his plane landed in Moscow. Both meetings were cancelled without explanation and the Russian leader has not been seen in public since Monday. According to one report in Moscow, the airport footage shown on state controlled television news was probably archive film, since it showed a wet runway on a day that it had not been raining.

It has been suggested that the Russian leader's ill health was brought on by a repeat of the episode at Shannon airport last year. During a stopover on his way home from America, Mr Yeltsin was incapable of meeting Irish leaders on the runway because of a suspected drinking bout.

Although it is widely accepted that on doctors' orders the Russian leader stopped drinking alcohol after a heart seizure last June, he reportedly "relaxed" on the flight home after a tough five-day schedule. The latest allegations are bound to deepen doubts among Russians about the state of their leader's health.

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TV licence for Dyke

A consortium led by two millionaire socialists, Greg Dyke and Lord Hollick, won the licence to run Britain's fifth national television channel. Broadcasting authorities rejected a higher bid.

Mr Dyke's bid promised hospital soap opera from the producers of *Neighbours*, a risqué late-night slot called *5 Late* featuring alternative entertainment and chat and a host of re-runs......Page 2

Archbishop of York knighted

The new Archbishop of York, Dr David Hope, was "bowled over" to find himself being knighted by the Queen on Thursday when he went to pay homage before taking up his appointment.

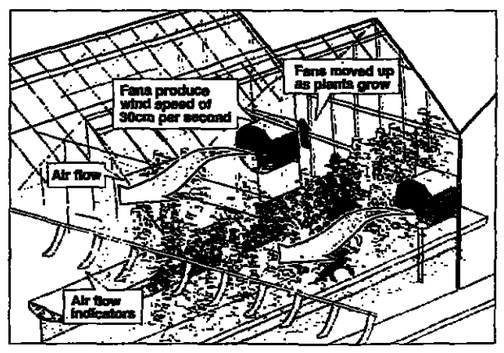
Dr Hope said he discovered he was to be invested with the insignia of a Knight Commander of the Royal Victoria Order only ten minutes before he was received by the Queen. It was a "total surprise".

Fans waft the secret of the perfect greenhouse

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

SCIENTISTS have cracked the secret of the perfect greenhouse. Carefully sited fans are the key to boosting crops and minimising disease, British researchers have found.

The findings, based on studies with tomatoes, have been made possible by the use of computer models of the kind employed to study air flows round a supersonic plane. While the research is aimed at commercial growers, it offers handy hints to improve the growing environment of the garden greenhouse, might be improved.



The research is being carried out by a team led by Dr Bernard Bailey at the Silsoe Research Institute with funding from the Horticulture Development Council and the Biotechnology and Biological Science Research Council.

Computer tests have shown that generating air flows of 1,000 cm a second will increase the transpiration of young tomato plants by up to 50 per cent. Even at wind speeds of between 20 and 30 cm a second — and well within the range of a household fan — transpiration can rise by up to a fifth.

Dr Paul Biscoe, deputy director of the institute, said transpiration was a measure of how fast water is being drawn from the leaves and thus the amount of carbon dioxide entering the plant.

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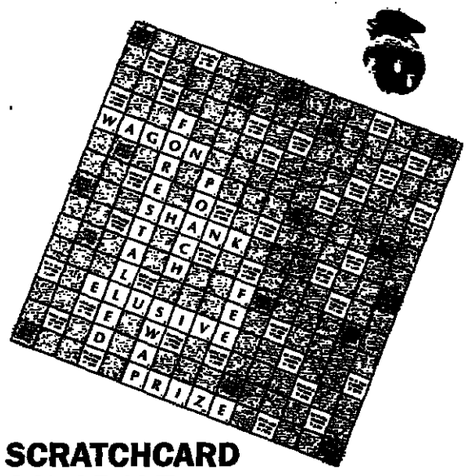


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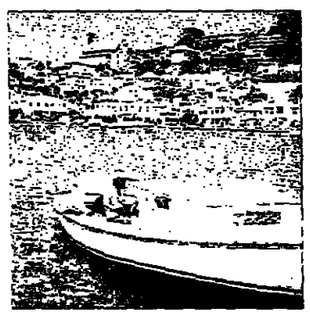
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They picked us for diversity, says Roland Rat millionaire

Legal threats as Channel 5 is won by second-highest bidder

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

A CONSORTIUM led by two millionaire socialists, Greg Dyke and Lord Hollick, won the licence to run Britain's fifth national television channel yesterday after a higher bid was unexpectedly rejected.

Two of the defeated bidders were last night understood to be threatening legal action against the Independent Television Commission's decision to award the ten-year licence to Channel 5 Broadcasting. The new station, backed by Pearson, owner of the *Financial Times*, and MAI, the financial services and broadcasting company, will go on air in January 1997.

Mr Dyke, who masterminded the bid as head of Pearson Television and who is credited with saving TV-am by introducing the puppet Roland Rat to its schedules, said that his £22 million bid had won because it promised the most diversity. "We will produce some innovative stuff, which we hope will be offensive. I believe that part of the broadcasters' role is to push back boundaries," he said.

Lord Hollick, chief executive of MAI, said: "There is room for a new national channel that has a combination of general entertainment and factual programming which is not bossy, but helps people cope with life."

A hospital soap opera from the producers of *Neighbours*, a risqué late-night slot featuring alternative entertainment and chat, and re-runs, such as *Minder*, will form the backbone of Channel 5's broadcasting. Its flagship news programme will run at 8pm on weekdays, followed by a ten- minute current affairs feature. Produced by ITN, it will place a strong emphasis on the environment and will have a "European" outlook.

With an annual progamme budget of £110 million, the station is unlikely to be able to compete for the rights to top sporting events.

Advertisers welcomed the choice. The agency J Walter Thompson said: "The companies involved in the Channel 5 bid have a pedigree of producing programming which advertisers find desirable, namely *Survival*, *Minder* and *Wish You Were Here*. Channel 5 will offer increased competition and choice for advertisers and consumers."

Critics described the choice as an "establishment stitch-up". David Asper, lead member of UKTV, the Canadian-led consortium which had submitted a bid worth more than £36 million, said: "Considering that we were the highest bid, and are confident that we exceeded every other threshold, our group will be meeting shortly to review the commission's decision and to consider our position."

Robert Devereux, chairman of Virgin TV, which was backed by Richard Branson and submitted an identical financial bid to Channel 5 Broadcasting, said: "We strongly disagree with the commission's subjective judgments about matters of commercial viability."

UKTV and Virgin TV are expected to take legal advice on Monday about whether to mount a legal challenge to the commission's decision. Their only option is to seek leave to apply for a judicial review of the commission's selection process.

Sir George Russell, chairman of the ten-member commission, said that UKTV and Virgin TV had failed to meet programme quality standards.

An unacceptably high 50 per cent of UKTV's proposed programming consisted of repeats, Sir George said. "The range of programming from 6.30pm to 10.30pm on weekdays consisted (apart from presentation elements) entirely of drama series and entertainment. The only factual programming other than news and presentation in peak time was between 7pm and 8pm on Sundays."

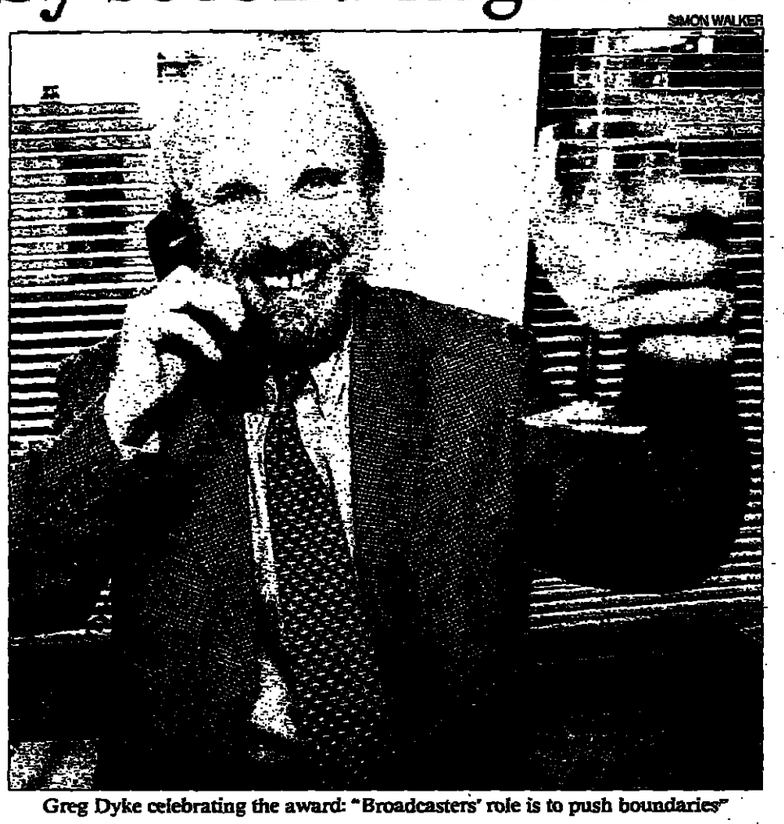
Virgin TV's programming contained "little sign of innovation or of programmes of a special one-off character" and made no commitment to any factual programming in peak time before the sixth year of the licence, Sir George said.

New Century Television, a group backed by Granada Television and BSkyB, met the commission's quality standards but was ruled out because its bid of £2 million was below that of Channel 5 Broadcasting.

MAI, which also owns the Anglia and Meridian ITV franchises, and Pearson Television will also supply programmes to the station. Channel 5 Broadcasting is also backed by CLT, the Luxembourg-based media group, and the American bank Warburg Pincus.

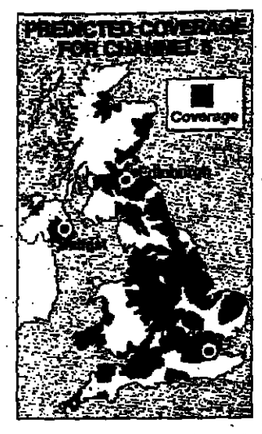
Channel 5 is first aiming for an audience share of about 5 per cent, roughly equivalent to half the viewers of Channel 4. The station will be free to view and initially will be available to 70 per cent of the country, about 16.4 million homes. It is planning to "fill in" the holes by putting the station on cable networks.

Video recorders and satellite receivers in an estimated 4.7 million homes will have to be retuned to avoid interference when Channel 5 launches. Next summer Channel 5 will send out an army of uniformed technicians. They travel in marked vehicles and carry identity cards. In some areas, viewers will need extra roof-top aerials.



SIMON WALKER

Greg Dyke celebrating the award: "Broadcasters' role is to push boundaries"



Adams says IRA arms are needed for defence

Gerry Adams ruled out last night any decommissioning of IRA arms before all-party talks on Northern Ireland. He said nationalists lived in fear of attack from loyalist and "British forces". In a *Belfast Telegraph* article, the Sinn Fein leader added: "No responsible republican can advocate that the nationalist community ... be left defenceless and vulnerable."

□ John Bruton, the Taoiseach, toured Londonderry. The Democratic Unionists called for the removal from the Irish constitution of the claim to the territory of Northern Ireland.

Royal gatecrash

A former student who caused £50,000 damage to Buckingham Palace gates after driving into them last January was placed on probation for two years by Southwark Crown Court. John Gillard, 22, from Wakefield, West Yorkshire, was disqualified from driving for a year.

Five questioned

Five men from Edinburgh were detained by police investigating crowd disorder at the title fight in which the boxer Jim Murray was fatally injured on October 13. The men, one aged 19 and the others in their early 20s, were taken to police stations in the city and later released.

Health inquiry

A health authority official has been suspended after allegations that he was planning to set up his own private health care company. Officials have launched an inquiry into the activities of Robert Bridge, deputy finance director of Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Health Authorities.

Sex case PC jailed

A policeman who had sexual intercourse with a 15-year-old schoolgirl after developing an obsession for her was jailed for 12 months yesterday at Reading Crown Court. PC Michael Randles, of Thame, Oxfordshire, admitted unlawful sexual intercourse and indecent assault.

Smoking contract

A team of three law firms is to represent everyone suing for smoking-related diseases on legal aid. Mr Justice Sedley rejected an application by a group of smokers to the High Court to seek a judicial review of the Legal Aid Board's decision to award the monopoly contract.

Lyceum to rock

The Lyceum Theatre is to reopen with a revival of *Jesus Christ Superstar*, the Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice rock musical, next autumn. It is more than 50 years since the building, currently being refurbished, was used as a theatre. The show was a huge hit in the 1970s.

Shephard plans U-turn on school ballots

BY DAVID CHARTER
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

PARENTS will lose the right to vote on whether their children's schools should opt out of local authority control under Government proposals published yesterday to revive the grant-maintained policy.

The proposed scrapping of opt-out ballots for the 4,032 church schools was blamed by the Government on "acrimony and propaganda" surrounding the issue.

The move marks a dramatic change in the Government's education policy, which has trumpeted "parental choice" as its guiding principle. The consultation period for the proposals ends on Novemer 24, with the Government intending to produce a Bill in the next parliamentary session.

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, published a consultation paper yesterday offering six options to make opting out easier. Last month John Major told grant-maintained school heads that he wanted to cut all schools' ties with local education authorities.

The most radical "fast-track" proposal is to set a date when all aided schools become grant-maintained automatically without a parental ballot. Schools would be allowed to remain with local authorities only if governors insisted on staying with the authorities after the deadline expired.

A second proposal is to increase the money delegated from local authorities to schools from the present average of about 85 per cent to much nearer 100 per cent. An alternative would be to remove all the local authority governors and replace them with elected parents. *The Times* disclosed on Monday that a plan to make all schools grant-maintained at a stroke was being considered for the next Conservative election manifesto. Ministers are anxious to kickstart a policy which has stalled in the last year. Some 1,072 of the 24,000 state schools are grant maintained but fewer than 50 have voted to make the switch this year.

Just 350 voluntary aided schools have chosen to opt out since the policy was introduced in 1988.

Mrs Shephard said aided schools were already just "a short step" from self-governing status. The school buildings of aided schools are owned by the Church or educational trusts, rather than the local authority.

Her consultation paper said: "Too often the debate is pulled towards wider political issues and away from consideration of the specific interests of the school concerned." The paper adds: "It is clear that in those circumstances ballots can be unnecessarily stressful experiences for head teachers, governors and parents."

It suggests the parental ballot could be abandoned so governors would make any decision on a school's future. They would still have to take "proper account" of parents' views. The other measures under consultation include shortening the time limits for becoming grant-maintained and removing the need for Government as well as parental agreement.

David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, said: "The Government is trying to impose the heavy hand of the state on Church schools. Seeking to deny parents a ballot goes against choice, while trying to force schools which do not want to be grant maintained to opt out reduces diversity."

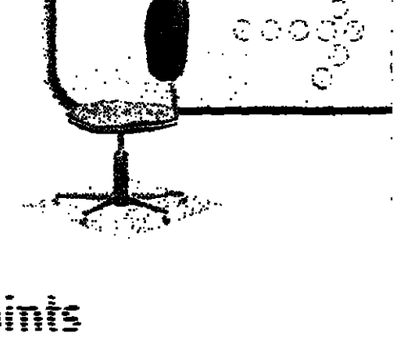
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Going south, two adventurers set out this week for solitary months in search of the ends of the earth

Tomorrow the world for lone yachtswoman

By David Miller

SAMANTHA BREWSTER spent a day this week learning how to sew. The lesson was in a hospital, and she was taught how to stitch her own flesh in case of emergency.

Tomorrow the single, 28-year-old sets sail alone from Southampton in an attempt to break the world non-stop circumnavigation record, east to west, the "wrong way" round Cape Horn and against the Roaring Forties of the Southern Ocean. The starting gun will be fired by Chay Blyth.

It is a momentous challenge. The slim, relatively small woman, known to her friends as Sam, will take the wheel of a 67ft cutter-rigged steel sloop. The voyage requires the mental resolution of a paratrooper.

Sitting having lunch in Belgravia, beside Hyde Park, she was dressed in pale primrose silk jacket and crepe navy slacks, and looked more like a young executive than gung-ho heroine. But no, Brewster says, she's not afraid. Not for the moment.

"When I'm thousands of miles from shore, and if I'm injured, then I'll be scared. The thought of that is frightening. But I'm a very careful person."

In the limitless wastes of the ferocious oceans, the response to crisis is not instant action, she says, but considered action — assuming that the crisis is not the imminent threat of sinking. "You make a cup of tea, and think about it," she says, sounding uncannily like a speaker at a WRVS meeting.

She has, self-evidently, thought a great deal since being one of the 14 crew volunteers on the same boat, Heath Insured, when she was deputy helmswoman, mast rigger and sail mender on the identical 28,000-mile course of the British Steel Challenge Race of 1992-93. The idea of her solo attempt occurred during Chay Blyth's wedding reception, after quite a lot of champagne.

She asked John McKenzie-Green, the Group Four Security managing director, one of four main sponsors with C E Heath (insurance), Premium Search (insurance) and Trade Identity (credit management), whether he would back her. He was enthusiastic — though he did vet her credentials, she subsequently learnt, with Adrian Donovan, her skipper on the British Steel Race.

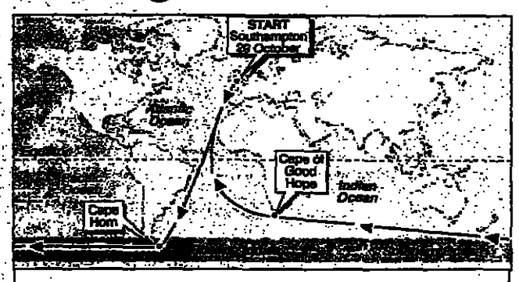
Her worst fear, injury apart, is personal failure. She is no feminist, she insists. Yet is she not, surely, trying to prove something?

"I don't think so. I've always had a project. I need that. It's more of a career opportunity, a hobby I've turned into a career."

As a girl growing up on a small holding in Badingham, Suffolk — chickens, horses — she sailed in dinghies, then raced Fireballs. At nine, her parents had an amicable divorce. Her father died three years ago. You sense she is subconsciously proving the self-reliance she learnt on the farm from her mother. She admits to being a loner.

"I'm not a people person, I'm horrible," she says. "Given the choice of a jolly night out or being alone with a book, I'll chose the latter. I'd rather go hill climbing alone than in a group." Until recently she lived and worked at an outdoor pursuits centre in Ambleside, Cumbria, following a teaching degree course.

She wonders whether she will have the necessary strength to beat the record. Although Heath Insured has every conceivable mechanical aid after a £100,000 refit, it takes her 40 minutes to raise the full main sail. "I know I can handle it, but not whether I can push it," she says.



Stores for the journey, designed to last for up to 200 days, include: one bottle of rum, two tubs of Marmite, four tins of spinach, five boxes of shortbread, six tins of prawns, seven boxes of crisps, 12 jars of mussels, 24 boxes of Italian sausage, 500 long-life dried meals including lamb casserole, hotpot, steak casserole, lasagna and cannelloni, 36 boxes of porridge, six jars each of honey, strawberry and apricot jam, marmalade and lemon curd, two tubs of instant coffee, three tubs of hot chocolate, 36 boxes of powdered orange drink, 1½kg of jelly babies, 48 Mars Bars, 96 Kit Kats, 2.5 kg each of cocktail gherkins, olives and pickled eggs, large amounts of flour, pasta, rice and margarine, 150 English apples, and 14 tubs of dried fruit and nuts.

PETER BENTLEY



Samantha Brewster at the helm. "I'm not scared, I know that I can do it," she says

Challenge of going round the hard way

By Edward Gorman

CHAY BLYTH defied all doubters in 1972 when he sailed the "wrong way" round the world in the 57ft ketch *British Steel*, taking 286 days.

The record stood unchallenged until last year, when Mike Golding set out on a yacht sponsored by Group 4, completing a circumnavigation in just 161 days. In recognition of his achievement, his sponsors created a permanent award to the record-holder, the Group 4 Global Challenge Trophy, which Samantha Brewster now hopes win.

Even if she fails to beat his time, she would become the first woman to sail the wrong way round the world.

Beating Golding will be extremely tough. He pushed himself and his boat to the limit, flying his spinnaker at every opportunity — once for 14 days without a break. Only on the return journey was he seriously delayed by light winds.

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Roger Mear, left, and his rival in the race to make a solo unsupported crossing of Antarctica, Borge Ousland, who will set out a few days after him

Briton races Norwegian across Antarctica again

By Edward Gorman

AN ENGLISHMAN will set out next week to try to complete one of the greatest Polar journeys, a solo unsupported crossing of Antarctica.

Mirroring the epic race to the South Pole in 1911 between Captain Robert Scott and Roald Amundsen, Roger Mear will be racing the Norwegian explorer Borge Ousland, who will set out on the same journey just a few days after him.

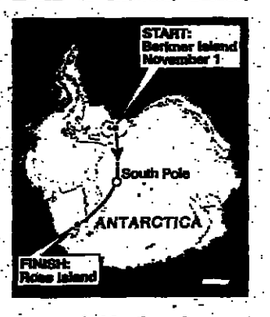
Mr Mear, 45, an experienced climber and former member of the British Antarctic Survey, will be helped in his crossing by a giant kite which, in place of huskies, will help to drag him and his sledge the 1,700 miles across the frozen icecap.

The kite is a development of the use of sail power pioneered by Captain Scott. Mr Mear hopes he will be able to use the kite to assist him for at least a tenth of the journey.

Speaking yesterday from Antarctica where he is preparing for departure, possibly on Wednesday, Mr Mear reflected on the magnitude of the task he has set himself. "This project is so big, the Antarctic is so big. If I thought about whether it is possible to do, to be at the finish, it just overwhelms you. All I can do now is concentrate on the thing in front, hour by hour and day by day," he said.

The journey should take about 100 days. Mr Mear, who has already walked to the South Pole and made attempts on Everest and K2, will average about 17 miles a day dragging a sledge weighing 450lb. He will require up to 6,000 calories a day which means his diet will include tiny high-energy biscuits and dried foods developed by nutrition experts at Sainsbury.

Sir Ernest Shackleton was the first to think of crossing Antarctica in 1914. But he was unable to start his attempt after his ship *Endurance* was crushed by pack ice. Although it has since been crossed by means of snowcat, Skidoo, dogs and skis, these journeys have all been accompanied by aircraft support, dropping spare food and equipment along the way.



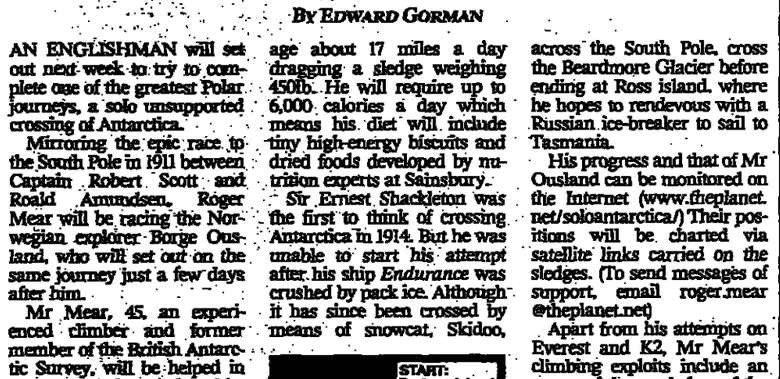
If he succeeds, Mr Mear will be the first to complete the journey entirely alone. The race with Mr Ousland will be exacting, however. The Norwegian has already been to the North Pole and beaten Sir Ranulph Fiennes in the process. Mr Mear will start at the Weddell Sea, travel south across the South Pole, cross the Beardmore Glacier before ending at Ross island, where he hopes to rendevous with a Russian ice-breaker to sail to Tasmania.

His progress and that of Mr Ousland can be monitored on the Internet (www.theplanet.net/soloantarctica/) Their positions will be charted via satellite links carried on the sledges. (To send messages of support, email roger.mear@theplanet.net)

Apart from his attempts on Everest and K2, Mr Mear's climbing exploits include an ascent of the north face of the Eiger in winter, the first winter ascent of the Cassin Ridge on Mount McKinley and a solo winter ascent of Mount Erebus — the first time an Antarctic mountain had been climbed in winter.

His unsupported journey to the South Pole in 1985 with two companions was the first time anyone had walked there since Captain Scott; a feat for which Mr Mear was awarded the Queen's Polar Medal. He subsequently wrote of his experiences in his book *In the Footsteps of Scott*.

The record for an unsupported polar journey on foot is held by Sir Ranulph Fiennes and Dr Michael Stroud for their epic venture in 1993. They walked and sailed 1,311 miles across Antarctica without resupply, terminating their journey 346 miles short of the coast on the "Great Ice Barrier" — an area of permanent ice the size of France.



Roald Amundsen, left, and Captain Scott, who vied to reach the South Pole in 1911

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Jails 'on road to concentration camp'

Tumim condemns prisons report as morally wrong

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE Learmont report on jail security was denounced yesterday by the Chief Inspector of Prisons, who said that it had opened "the road to the concentration camp".

Judge Stephen Tumim urged the Home Secretary to disregard the thrust of the report, which he said had got the balance wrong between security and humanity.

Judge Tumim's outburst came as *The Times* learnt that the Prison Service and Michael Howard have been sent warnings about lax security at Strangeways jail in Manchester.

During a recent visit, members of the prisons inspectorate were alarmed by inadequate searches at the jail, which can hold up to 900 inmates, and poor monitoring of closed-circuit television.

Immediately after the inspection they set out their concerns in a letter to Richard Tilt, then director of security for prisons, with a copy to the Home Secretary. The jail, scene of riots in 1990, reopened last year after an £80 million modernisation programme that included installation of the latest security systems.

Sir John Learmont's report into the breakout from the top-security Parkhurst prison made more than 100 recommendations. They included building a maximum-security jail to hold the most dangerous inmates and consideration of armed response teams and the use of CS gas to deal with jail riots. He also urged that prisoners be given meaningful employment, education, television in cells as an earned privilege and increased home leave.

Judge Tumim, who stands down next week after eight years as chief inspector, said Sir John "wants to put security above humanity. It's the road to the concentration camp if you go too far along it and it's morally wrong.

"If you put security above humanity what happens if a man tries to climb a wall? On the Learmont doctrine what do you do, shoot him? It's a very dangerous doctrine."

Judge Tumim's criticism reflects concern within the Prison Service that overemphasis on security may damage other work, including dealing with offending behaviour, and lead to control problems.

His attack came only hours after praise from Mr Howard at a farewell party for the chief inspector. The Home Secretary said Judge Tumim had made a contribution to the Prison Service that was without equal. "Throughout his period he has acted as a kind of inspirational goad to the Prison Service in a way which has contributed to the public good."



Tumim: standing down after eight years

But Michael Stephen, chairman of the Conservative backbench home affairs committee, said Judge Tumim was also guilty of getting the balance wrong. "For the last 30 years people like Judge Tumim have put the interests of the criminal first," he said.

In his final annual report, published yesterday, Judge Tumim called for a national strategy to clamp down on hard drugs in jails. He said there seemed to be little caution over the movement of known drug dealers around the six top-security jails in England and Wales. "We do not doubt that some drug dealers continue to be linked to outside gangs," the report says.

It went on to urge an overhaul of healthcare management in prisons to bring it up to National Health Service standards. Judge Tumim was also critical of aspects of internal communications and called for the service to implement its own policy of requiring staff to wear name badges.

But he also praised the improvements that had taken place in prisons since he took up the post, and the energy and commitment of the staff.

ADRIAN BROOKS



Billionaire Robert Dart and his wife Katina, who could have expected an even bigger settlement in America

US wife seeking a record payout

A BILLIONAIRE from America won the legal right yesterday to divorce his wife in this country but faces a record-breaking claim for a share of his fortune. Robert Dart will be able to make absolute a decree ending his marriage after the ruling by the Court of Appeal in London.

His wife Katina, who was said by solicitors to be seeking a settlement exceeding the British record of £9 million offered by Friedrich Flick of the Mercedes dynasty to his wife Maya, wanted the case to be heard in the American courts, where she might expect an even bigger settlement.

Mr Dart was granted a decree nisi in July on the ground of unreasonable behaviour by his wife, who allegedly banned sex. A member of the Dart Container Corp dynasty, whose fortune comes from manufacturing polystyrene containers for fast food, he moved his family to England in 1993 for financial reasons associated with trusts. He lives in a property in London valued at £5 million and is a citizen of Belize after renouncing American citizenship. Mrs Dart remains an American.

Mrs Dart failed in her fight this year to have the divorce heard in America but has moved back to Michigan and is proceeding with her financial claims in the American courts. Although not recognising the English proceedings, Alan Inglis, her counsel, tried to block the decree absolute being granted. He argued that she would lose certain rights to the millions in her husband's trust funds and it would create difficulties in enforcing any order in the American courts.

Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, sitting with Lord Justice Hutchison, said even without the trust funds there was enough money to meet the wildest dreams of any order an English court might make. "The only exceptional circumstance in this case is that this husband is richer than most," she said.

Drought prompts action to save fish

BY NICK NUTTALL
ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE National Rivers Authority has invoked drought powers to save fish stocks in two reservoirs in the North West, it announced yesterday.

Releases are being stopped from the Langley Bottoms and Teggsnose reservoirs, which have 19 days of water left. "Sizeable populations of brown trout and pike could suffer," said Mike Eggboro, water resources manager. The authority is able to seek drought orders under the Environment Act 1995

The reservoirs, owned by North West Water, supply the River Bollin but are not directly used for public supply.

As the water shortage in Yorkshire worsened, it was thought that Yorkshire Water, which had withdrawn plans to ration supplies, might be about to apply for restrictions in the Calderdale area. Yesterday it emerged that the company was applying for five drought orders extending existing emergency powers and spreading restrictions.

One of the orders would mean a ban on non-essential use, such as public fountains, in the Leeds and Wakefield areas. Other orders would allow more water to be taken from the River Wharfe, which supplies Bradford; supplies to be taken from two reservoirs; and more to be abstracted from the River Ouse which runs through York.

Burglars escape with rare gems of the potato world

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

SCIENTISTS have appealed to thieves to return rare potatoes stolen from a research centre in Northumberland. Some may be irreplaceable.

About a ton of seed potatoes, including more than 150 different varieties, was taken during a break-in at the Potato Multiplication Unit of the National Institute of Agricultural Botany at Morpeth.

David Young, a trials officer at the centre, said: "The tragedy is that the thieves will probably try to sell the potatoes for eating. They are very small and would probably not fetch more than £200 as eaters. Yet some of the varieties are very rare and may be impossible to replace.

"We are still doing a check to see exactly what we have lost. The potatoes are each about the size of a large egg and come in a variety of colours, red, purple, white and even spotted."

The potatoes were being stored at Morpeth before being sent to be planted on experimental farms near Cambridge, where they are used to train inspectors in the recognition of different potato varieties and to build up a collection of rare types.

Mr Young said: "The north of England is seen as a high-grade seed potato area, mainly because of the climate and lack of disease risks. We have had a spate of break-ins for bits of machinery and the like over the past year but this is the first time potatoes have been taken."

The thieves' haul is thought to include such unusual varieties as Majestic, Golden Wonder and Edzell Blue. A police spokesman said: "We want anyone who is offered unusually shaped or coloured potatoes to contact us. They were packed into 150 brown paper bags, each with a small pink label naming the variety."

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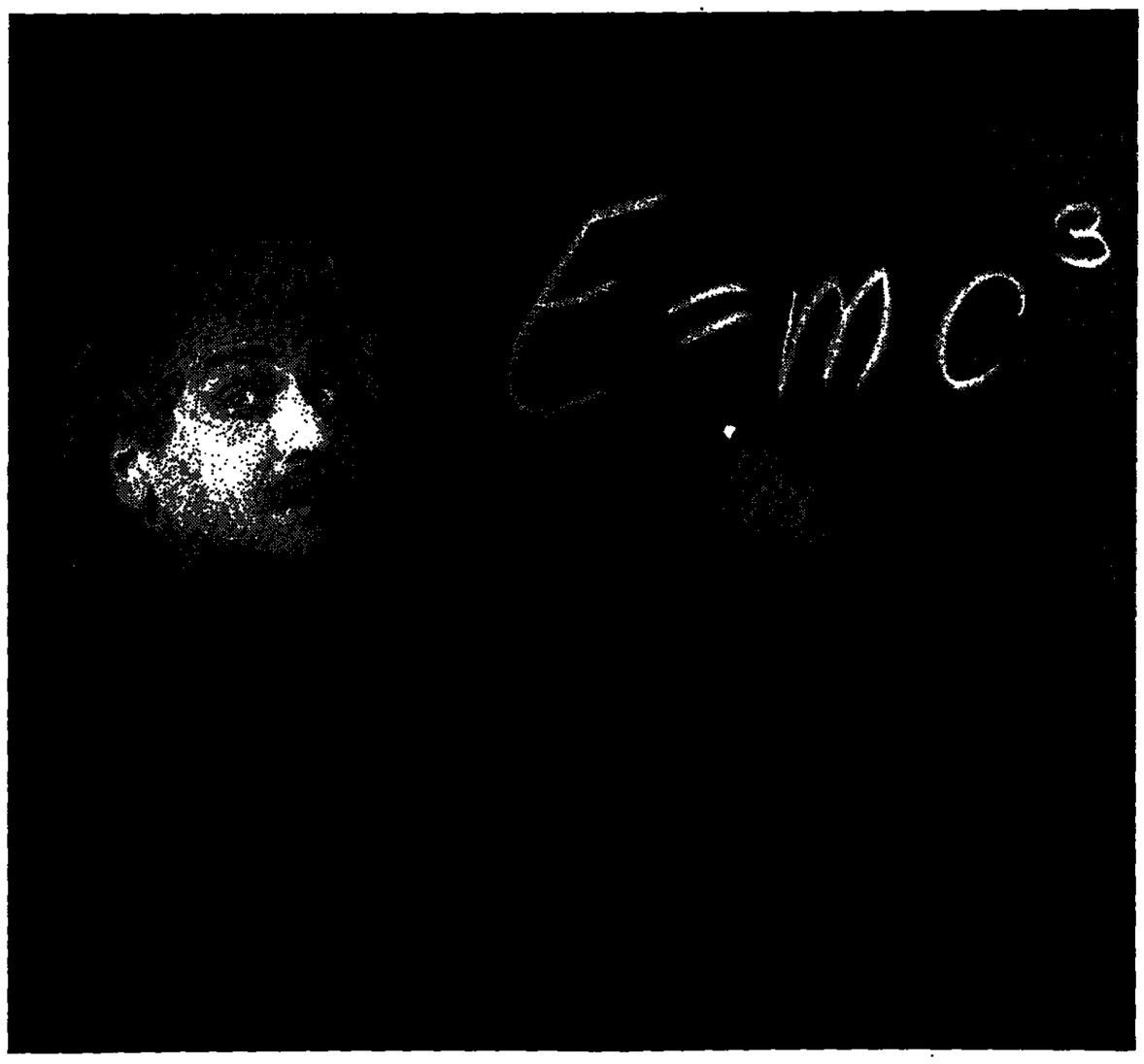
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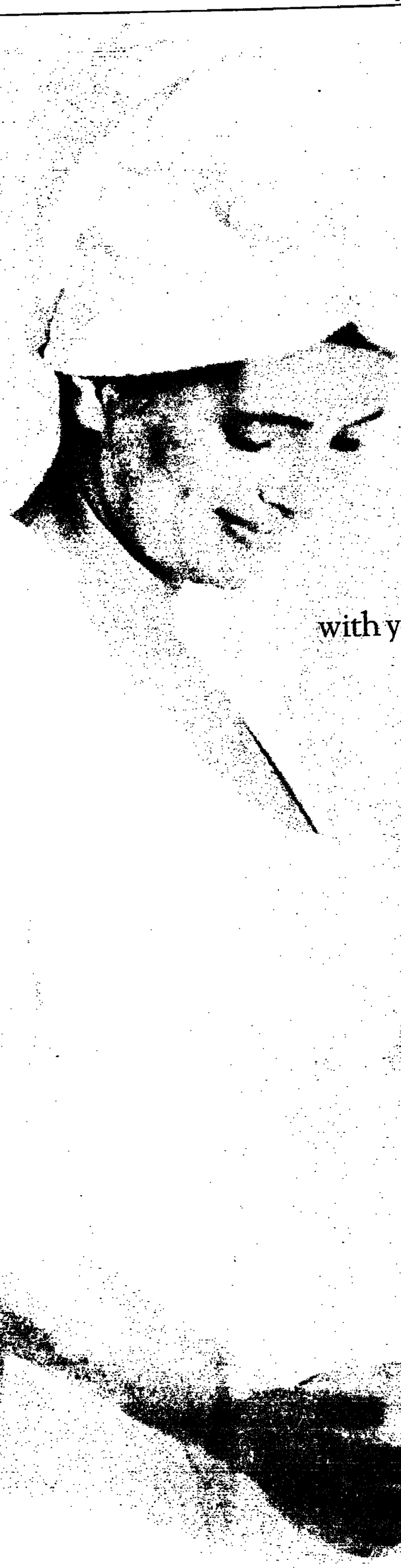


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Increasing incidence of rare disease in teenagers 'is pushing coincidence'

Fourth farmer dies from illness linked to mad cows

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor

THE death of a 59-year-old farmer from North Wales is being investigated for evidence of Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease (CJD). Neville Price died on Wednesday at his home in Llanddeiniolen, Gwynedd. His body was driven 300 miles for a post-mortem examination at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary yesterday.

Yesterday the Department of Health confirmed that the CJD surveillance unit at Edinburgh had monitored Mr Price, a father of three, during his three months' illness. He is the fourth farmer to die of the disease.

Mr Price's death follows reports in *The Lancet* this week of two cases of CJD in British teenagers. Stephen Churchill, 18, of Devizes, Wiltshire, died in May a year after developing symptoms. A 16-year-old unnamed girl was diagnosed as having CJD in August. She is of Turkish-Cypriot extraction but was born and brought up in Britain. They developed CJD within a few months of each other, an extremely rare occurrence that has raised fears of a link to bovine spongiform ecephalopathy (BSE).

But yesterday Dr John Collinge, of St Mary's Hospital Medical School in London, and Dr Robert Will, of Western General Hospital in Edinburgh, who chairs the National CJD Surveillance Unit, said people would be wrong to jump to conclusions.

"It is very concerning," Dr Collinge, an expert on the molecular biology of the disease, said. "There is no way of determining whether these two cases have any direct connection with BSE."

Dr Will said: "It is obviously a very unusual occurrence in Britain but it is important to put it in context. We have to try to decide if it is simply the result of more intensive surveillance, or evidence of a common causative agent." The Department of Health said it was following the advice of the Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee that no conclusions could be drawn from the two cases. "We don't think there is anything sinister about it at all," a spokesman said.

Dr Will, who with Dr Collinge was attending a scientific symposium in Germany yesterday, said the scientific literature contained only four cases of CJD in teenagers. But three cases had been found in patients aged 19, 23 and 27 in Warsaw over a period of only a few years.

"These cases were found when the Polish authorities were monitoring a quite different brain disease," he said. "If you set out to monitor rare diseases, you will identify all sorts of oddities, but it's impossible to be sure there's a common cause."

Neither of the two British teenagers had either of the recognised risk factors for CJD — inherited genetic mutations or injections of infected human growth hormone.

Stephen had visited his aunt's farm annually for eight years and would have been exposed to cows and drunk unpasteurised milk. But no cases of BSE had been reported in the herd. The girl had occasionally eaten corned beef and beefburgers, and in about 1989 had eaten cow's brain in Cyprus, but no cases of BSE have been reported there.

Professor Richard Lacey of Leeds University, a leading critic of government policy over BSE, said that a third teenager, Vicky Rimmer, 17, of Connah's Quay, Clwyd, was also suffering from CJD. "If three cases among teenagers are confirmed, it is pushing coincidence to think they are random," he said. "If the cause is not infected cattle, what is it?"

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Stephen Churchill, left, who died in May from CJD aged 18, with his family

Q: What is Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease?
A: A brain disease, generally occurring between the ages of 40 and 65, developing rapidly, causing dementia and death, often within a year.

Q: How many people die?
A: About one a week in Britain. Last year the toll reached 55, a record.

Q: Is it increasing?
A: Not necessarily. Although the 1994 total was the highest ever, the actual numbers remain small. Increased surveillance may account for the increase.

Q: Can it be treated?
A: There is no treatment for the disease, which is invariably fatal. It can be diagnosed for certain only after death, from changes in the brain.

Q: What is the link to "mad cow" disease?
A: Three diseases — CJD, bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE, or mad cow disease) and scrapie, in sheep, show similar brain changes. All three are prion diseases, believed to be caused by an abnormal protein — the prion protein — which spreads in the brains of victims.

Q: Is it infectious?
A: Prion diseases can be transmitted by injecting material from infected animals or people; this is how children given human growth hormone collected from cadavers acquired the disease.

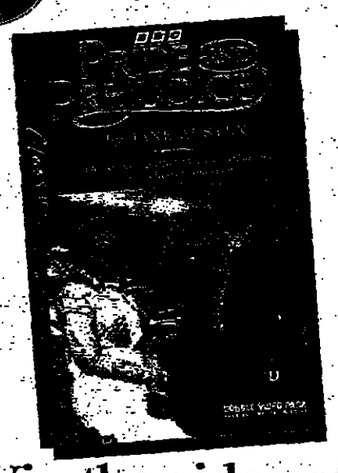
Q: Can be it transmitted in food?
A: This is the big question. Cows caught BSE by eating feed contaminated by scrapie from sheep; so between those two species, the answer is yes. But humans do not appear to catch CJD by eating lamb or mutton from scrapie-infected sheep. The unanswered question is whether BSE in cows can be transmitted to humans by eating beef.

Q: Why don't we know?
A: BSE in cows first appeared in 1986. It seems beyond doubt that many people will have eaten beef from infected cows slaughtered before their condition became obvious. But the incubation period for infection, if it occurs, could be anything between 5 and 30 years. So only time and the close monitoring of cases will prove it one way or the other.

Q: What does evidence show?
A: Nothing conclusive. There is an apparent statistical association between beef-eating and CJD but it is weak. And countries where there is no BSE have levels of CJD that are as high or higher than those in Britain.



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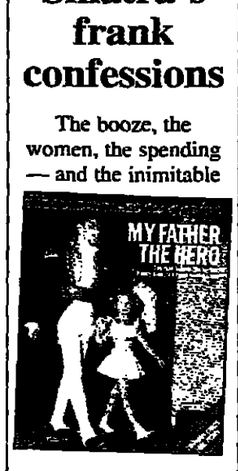
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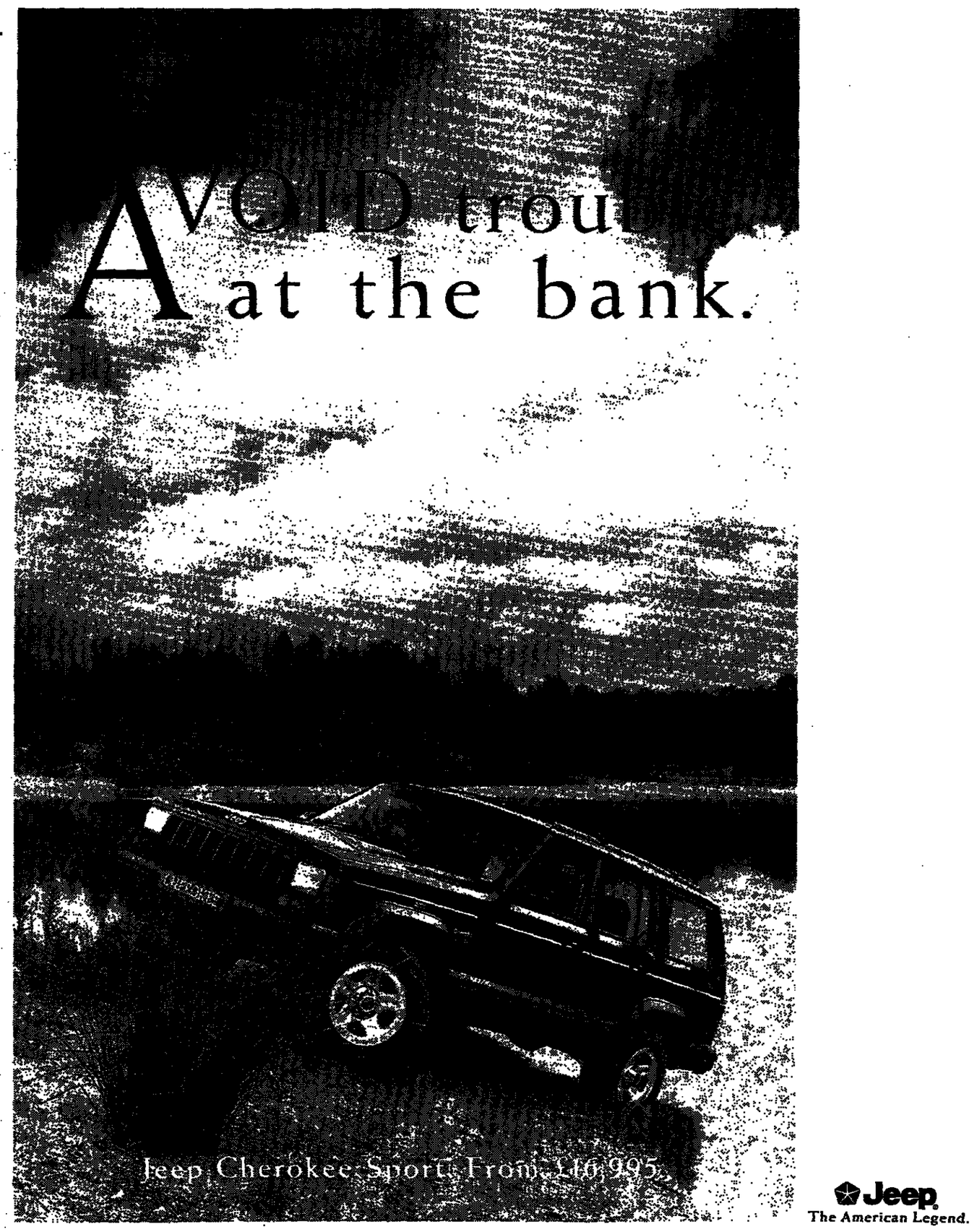
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Steel's son jailed for growing cannabis

THE eldest son of Sir David Steel, the former Liberal leader, was jailed for nine months yesterday for growing cannabis plants with a street value of £30,000 at his home.

At the High Court in Edinburgh, the judge, Lord Cameron, told Graeme Steel, 29, that he would be failing in his duty if he did not jail him. He said: "The court has on previous occasions made it quite clear the attitude the court will take to those who deliberately break the law."

Steel had admitted at an earlier hearing to growing cannabis at his home in the Scottish Borders between April 1993 and last October. The court had been told that police found 40 plants under plastic. They also found four pipes for smoking cannabis and booklets on how to grow it.

Steel said they were for his own use. He claimed that he could not buy the drug on the street because it would reflect badly on his father. Derek Ogg, counsel for Steel, had also told the court the cannabis was worth up to £4,800, not £30,000 as the Crown claimed.

IAN WALDIE



Graeme Steel being led away from the High Court at Edinburgh yesterday

Children's minds 'must be won away from TV'

Labour sets out homework quota for seven-year-olds

BY DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A LABOUR government would expect seven-year-olds to spend half an hour a night on homework and cut down on time spent watching television. David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, said he wanted parents and schools to work together to win children's minds away from the screen.

He said primary school children spent an hour a week on homework compared with two and a half hours every night watching television. Pupils in Japan and many European countries spend 50 per cent longer on work at home than British schoolchildren.

Labour would also set a daily minimum for secondary school pupils of 90 minutes homework a night, bringing British pupils in line with their peers in Europe and the Pacific Rim. Mr Blunkett said research from America suggested increasing homework could achieve a threefold increase in children's academic achievement. He said: "We have become a voyeur society where children don't read or converse or even use their imagination ... No wonder the CBI thinks we have become a nation of non-communicators and Mrs Shephard thinks we have teenagers who learn to grunt."

The plan is Mr Blunkett's response to the campaign by Gillian Shephard, Education and Employment Secretary, to wage war on "grunters" by appointing a committee of media personalities, chaired by Trevor McDonald, to revive interest in the English language.

Mr Blunkett told the Association of Metropolitan Authorities' annual education conference in Wakefield, West Yorkshire, that homework was seen as a chore. He said: "Homework is not a punishment. It is an opportunity for the individual to learn beyond the limits of the classroom."

Mr Blunkett's homework quotas go against findings by school inspectors, who in June said the most effective primary school homework policies involved a gradual build-up in the amount of work. *Homework in Primary and Secondary Schools*, a report from Ofsted, the schools watchdog, found ten minutes a night was being spent by five to seven-year-olds and between one and four hours a week by seven to eleven-year-olds.



Blunkett: believes pupils see homework as chore

A spokesman for the Department of Education and Employment said: "The amount of homework and its frequency is a matter for individual schools and teachers to decide."

Primary schools said half an hour's homework sounded reasonable but would not like to see a fixed amount of work required every night. Chris Davis, chairman of the National Association for Primary Education, said: "Children do need time to switch off as well but most of us agree they spend far too much time in front of the television."

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT), said: "Homework is best left to schools, teachers and parents to decide in the light of their own circumstances."

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Pupils eager for good grades keep work ethic alive

BY DAVID CHARTER

HOMEWORK is enjoying a renaissance, with evidence from school inspectors that children enjoy and benefit from extra study. The Office for Standards in Education said in a report in June that a growing number of children were doing more hours than teachers required because they wanted good grades.

The Manningtree School, Essex, is considering changing the name of homework to "extension work" in an attempt to stop it being seen as chore or punishment. The school has introduced a recorded telephone message, praised by the Shadown Education Secretary yesterday, which pupils can ring for a reminder of tasks.

Anthony Rivett, Manningtree's deputy head, said: "Children enjoy extension work if it is purposeful."

Manningtree pupils felt Mr Blunkett's call for a set minimum of homework each night was inflexible. John Knights, 15, who spends up to three hours a night on homework, said: "In your first year you do less but as you get older you are doing more revising and work off your own bat."

Chris Perkins, 15, said: "If you get sick of homework you don't put so much effort in."

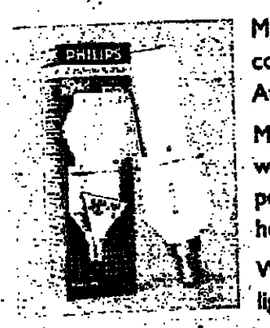
Primary schools rarely talk of "homework" for fear of putting children off. Pupils are more likely to be set long-term projects for homework which they can do at their own speed.

Queniborough Primary School, in Leicestershire, sends parents a detailed outline of all the term's topics so they can plan family activities, such as trips and television viewing, with lessons in mind. Geoff Rudkin, a parent at Queniborough, said: "Kids are not very good at sharing what they do at school so when you have got an idea what topic they are doing, you can talk effectively with them about it."

□ Parents are scared of attending parent evenings at school because they think that teachers will pass judgment on them instead of their offspring. Meetings are often ineffective because teachers expect questions but many parents are too intimidated to speak up, according to research by the University of East Anglia.

Barbara Walker, a research associate at the university, said: "Such feelings of unease appear to be universal, regardless of parents' class or educational attainment."





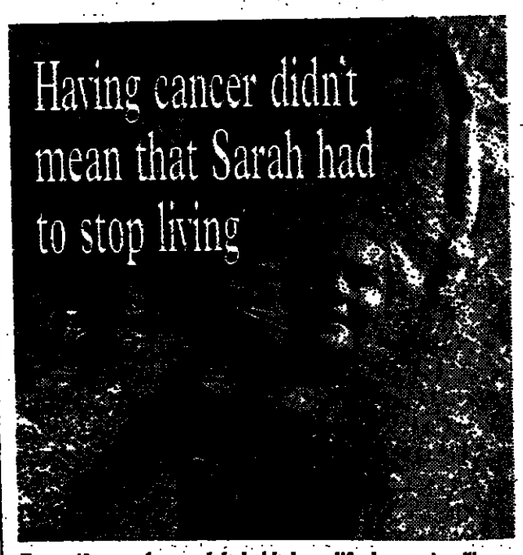
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Breeders believe they have a winner in bird once seen as little more than a zoological curiosity

Speculators risk their necks on ostriches

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

OSTRICHES have become the focus of a speculative boom as investors pour millions of pounds into the farming of an exotic bird once regarded as little more than a zoological curiosity.

Cynics see the ostrich craze as a speculative bubble that is bound to burst but enthusiasts are convinced they have backed a winner.

The Ostrich Farming Corporation, which began trading in January from Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, is taking £2 million a month from investors who have been persuaded that owning the birds is an easy way to make money in a growing market for ostrich meat and hides, which are used to produce high-quality leather goods.

During the summer the company launched an advertising campaign describing ostriches as the "cash crop of the 90s". It promised speculators a minimum annual return of 51.6 per cent, Capital Gains Tax-benefits and a 25-year breeding life for their investment. About 740 people, from retired schoolteachers to stockbrokers, have joined the company's "ostrich owners' club".

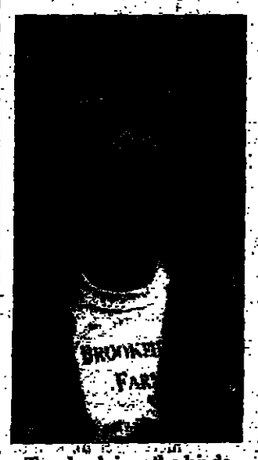
The birds cost from £1,400 for a three-month-old chick to £14,000 for a mature breeder. The company rears investors' birds on its ostrich farm near Lille in Belgium and pledges to buy back a set number of the chicks at a guaranteed price.

Brian Ketchell, the company's managing director, said: "For an investment of £1,400 you would be guaranteed a return of £2,500 by the fourth year, while an investment of £14,000 would show you a minimum return of £42,000 over five years. But investors can choose to keep the chicks and build up a breeding flock of their own and earn even bigger returns."

Richard Goodall, an independent financial adviser based in London and Frankfurt, invested £14,000 with the company to buy a mature breeder earlier this year. "I am not in the habit of gambling with my money. I am convinced that this is a very well-run operation that will produce secure profits for many years ahead," he said.

The Pinstripe Farming Company based near Congleton, Cheshire, has attracted about 70 investors with the enticing prospect that an initial investment of £8,000 could produce a return of as much as £75,000 in seven years.

Vince Tyack, who the runs the farm, claimed: "There is no other livestock that is as productive as ostriches. They can lay up to 60 eggs a year. Even if prices fall, as they will have to if ostrich meat is to compete, ostrich farming will still be profitable".



Tyack claims the birds are highly productive



MARTIN BEDDALL

Mature ostriches can lay up to 60 eggs a year during a 25-year breeding life. Producers claim that an investment of £1,400 over four years can yield a return of £2,500

Versatile meat gives a new flavour to traditional recipes

By Frances Bissell, The Times Cook

I HAVE recently returned from South Africa, where I came across ostrich served in a variety of dishes.

By far the most impressive ostrich I tasted was at Grande Roche, a magnificent country-house hotel in Paarl that serves some of the finest food in the Cape, if not the whole of South Africa.

A starter of "variations of ostrich" includes carpaccio, paper-thin slices of raw meat, and a medallion of ostrich with an almond crust. It also includes a "farce" of ostrich meat, marinated in red wine with a little thyme, rosemary and pepper, dipped in tempura batter and deep-fried, and an ingenious preparation in which the cooked ostrich meat is rolled around prunes, marinated in orange juice and zest, cinnamon and cognac, and then rolled in foil until firmed up when it is thinly sliced.

For all these dishes Frank Zlomke, the Grande Roche chef, uses ostrich fillet, the arrow-shaped piece of meat loosely attached to the underside of the breast. He also recommends treating ostrich neck as you would oxtail, and making a slow-cooked stew.

In South Africa ostrich is also smoked, cured as ham, cooked on the *braai* or barbecue, and used in place of beef or lamb. Any beef steak recipes can be adapted to ostrich steaks, from the traditional beef Stroganoff to quick modern recipes such as stir-fries.

My favourite involves searing the steak in a hot pan with a little butter, cooking it to between rare and medium rare. Remove the meat from the pan, and deglaze it with red wine, port, Madeira or balsamic vinegar. Serve the meat with a watercress salad and the pan juices poured over it.

I also have a fancy for cooking ostrich in the style of *boeuf bourguignonne*, using a South African wine, naturally, such as pinotage.

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Novelty that is healthier than beef, but costs 50% more

By Michael Hornsby

OSTRICH meat is still a novelty in Britain, though it is much like the best beef, with a similar protein content, but has 70 per cent fewer calories and up to 90 per cent less fat.

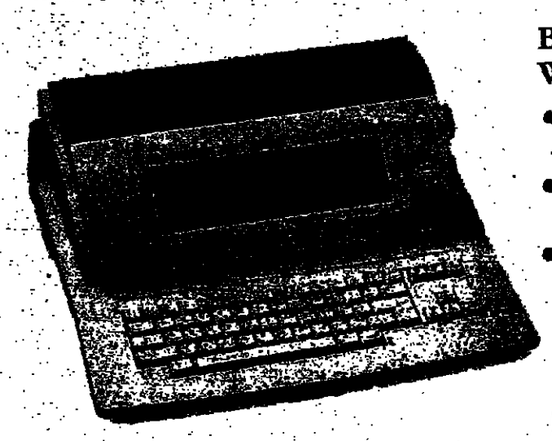
Harrods has been selling ostrich for the past 12 months, at a hefty £13.50 a lb. Peter Dossi, manager of the poultry and game division, said: "It needs to be cooked like good beef and eaten fairly rare. There is a gamy, guinea-fowl flavour to it. The meat certainly has potential if the price can be brought down."

One recent convert to ostrich meat is Sir Andrew LLoyd Webber, the composer, who first tasted some about a year ago in the United States and now sports a tie with an ostrich motif. "I think it is going to be the meat of the future and I would like to see far more restaurants putting it on their menus," he said.

Sir Andrew recently asked the Ivy restaurant, in the West End of London, to serve ostrich for a lunch party. "We provided a roast fillet with wild mushrooms." Christopher Corbin, the restaurant's co-owner, said. "It is certainly a good meat, very lean, but it is prohibitively expensive."

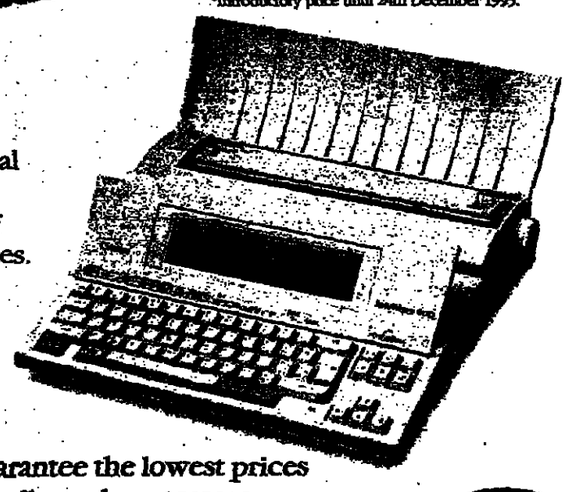
"In Manchester there are ten restaurants serving ostrich and for each major city there is probably about the same number," Philip Saven of Gourmet Foods, Cheshire, said.

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Debate over rise of Synod liberals rages on Internet

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

ANGLICANS have logged on to the Internet to begin an international debate about the triumph of the Church's liberal wing in the General Synod elections.

Bishops and clergy in the worldwide Anglican Communion are also using the Internet to debate the relevance of labels such as liberal, evangelical and Catholic.

The debate, in a discussion forum called Anglicans Online, comes as the churches prepare for the first national conference on Christian ministry and the Internet next month.

The churches and other religious groups have been among the first to realise the potential of the world wide web for debate and discussion. Christian software enthusiasts are also leading the field in developing programmes that allow adults to prevent children gaining access to material such as pornography and violence on the Internet.

Roger Steer, a Christian and author, from Devon, placed a report of the *Times* article on the synod elections on the Internet and has already received responses. Referring to the identification of synod candidates as Catholic, liberal or evangelical, he said: "I should be interested to know how many of the active Anglicans on this list happily attach one of these labels to themselves."

He asked more than 700 clergy on the Internet whether these labels were meaningful, necessary and useful and whether they preferred to think of themselves as Christian or Anglican.

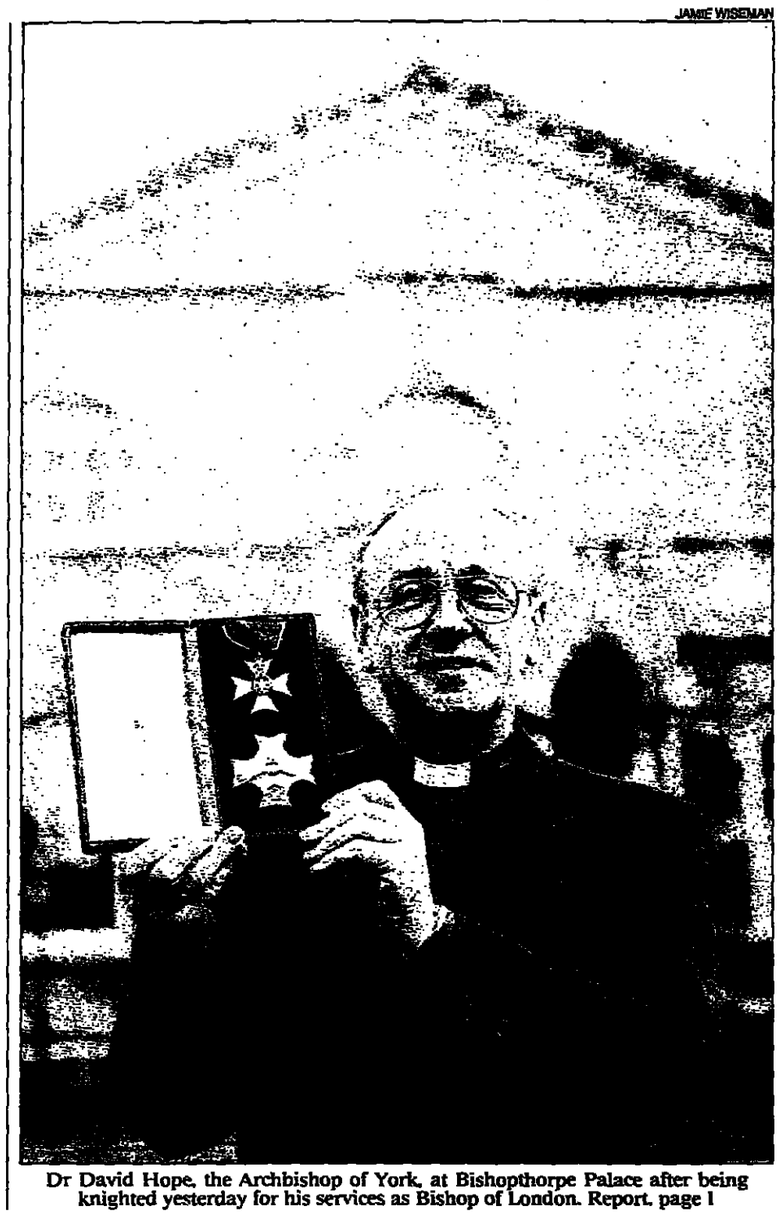
Anglicans Online has two main lists, Anglican and Episcopal. The former is for discussion and the latter to disseminate information, including a daily office, biographies of saints and press releases from the Anglican Communion news service in London.

Many dioceses, parishes and clergy are also linked up to the Internet. At the conference Superhighway '95 The Internet for Christians, in Northampton on November 9, clergy and laity will be advised how best to take advantage of the opportunities presented by the net.

☐ Roger Steer's Internet address is:
corners@rogsteer.zynet.co.uk

☐ The 175-year-old *Church of England Newspaper* will be on the Internet by the end of next week (*http://www.c-of-e-news.co.uk/news*). Alan Walsh, publisher, said the newspaper wanted to balance the presence on the net of "well-publicised evils, such as pornography".

JAMIE WISEMAN



Dr David Hope, the Archbishop of York, at Bishopthorpe Palace after being knighted yesterday for his services as Bishop of London. Report, page 1

Credo

The future lies in our hands, not in the stars



Jonathan Romain

Those who console themselves next week that Hallowe'en is a necessary tribulation which is an annual sop to the superstitious should think again. The fascination with the world of spirits and the workings of fate that lie behind it continues all year round.

Moreover, the legacy of ancient legends and fears forms a cultural backcloth that encompasses a wide circle, including many who might think themselves as too rational, or too religious, to believe in them, yet who are still influenced by them.

A black cat crossing one's path usually attracts comment, even by those who do not consider them to be witches' agents; the occurrence of a Friday on the thirteenth of the month causes raised eyebrows among people who have no idea of its connection with the myth of Balladur.

Many of us will say "bless you" when we hear someone sneeze, but never when they cough, blissfully unaware that it was a way of preventing a sneezing person being carried off to the underworld and has nothing to do with them catching a cold.

The survival of such superstitious reflexes is no accident. Today we may be more sophisticated than previous generations, but we share many of the same fears. We are nervous about how transient success can be, and how little we control our lives.

We know that so many things can go wrong with our business, health, children or marriage. We are desperate to protect the present and to guard against whatever the future may throw at us.

Hence the millions of people who consult their horoscopes with a hunger to know what is in store for them and how they should react.

Yet astrology contradicts the insistence of Judaism, along with Christianity and Islam, on free will and the choices that everyone is able to make in the course of life. It is irresponsible to surrender responsibility to one's star sign.

What is important is not where Saturn and Capricorn stood at the time of our birth but how we behave now, and the decisions we freely take.

Rather than act according to charts that tell us to be adventurous today, or wary of bad advice from friends, or to avoid sharing secrets, we should greet everyone openly, decide for ourselves how to react and let our starting points be generosity and optimism.

As for the long-term results, we cannot guarantee health and prosperity but we can ensure the quality of our values and relationships by the way we lead our lives. There are the friendships we establish and which can prove so enriching if we keep them up properly.

There is the way we touch the lives of other people every day. Especially important is the time we spend with young children, helping to develop their abilities and perceptions. We can take others by surprise at what we are capable of, and surprise ourselves too.

Jonathan Romain is rabbi of the Maidenhead Reform Synagogue.

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Gummer calls for 'heartfelt' preaching

BY RUTH GLEDHILL

PREACHERS should speak "to the heart", John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, said last night. Mr Gummer, one of seven judges in the *The Times*/College of Preachers competition to find the Preacher of the Year, said preaching was increasingly important to the ministry of the Church.

"The sermon should be expounding the Gospel or the scriptures in a way which is relevant to the lives of the people to whom the preacher is preaching." Quoting John Henry Newman, leader of the Oxford Movement in the last century and, like Mr Gummer, a convert from Anglicanism to Roman Catholicism, he said: "The preacher must speak heart to heart."

Another of the judges, Sir Ludovic Kennedy, the broadcaster and well-known atheist, said he would assess the sermons on "whether what the person is saying is true, and are they telling it in such a way that I am convinced". The finalists will preach on the Beatitudes from Christ's Sermon on the Mount, the Gospel text for next Wednesday, which is All Saints' Day. They are Dr Alison Fry from Corsham, Wilts; Dr Edmund Marshall of Wakefield, Yorkshire; the Rev Barry Overend of Leeds; Gill Dascombe of Stockport, Cheshire; Dr Richard Major of Truro, Cornwall, and Canon Jeremy Davies of Salisbury.

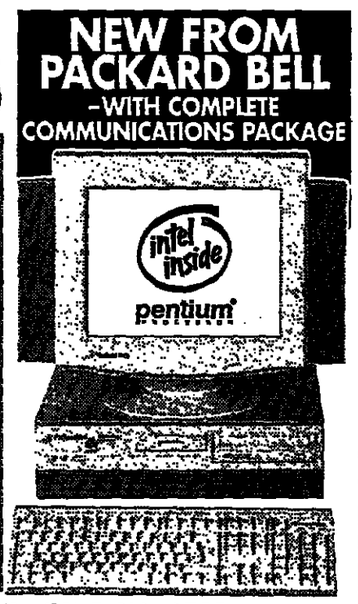
The winner will receive £1,000 and a sculpture of a dove, representing the Holy Spirit, by Rosalind Stracey, of Chelsea. Runners up will receive £200. The 30 shortlisted sermons will be published in *The Times Book of Best Sermons*, to be launched at the final at St Pancras Church opposite Kings Cross Station, north London, at 2pm on Wednesday. Admission is free and open to all.

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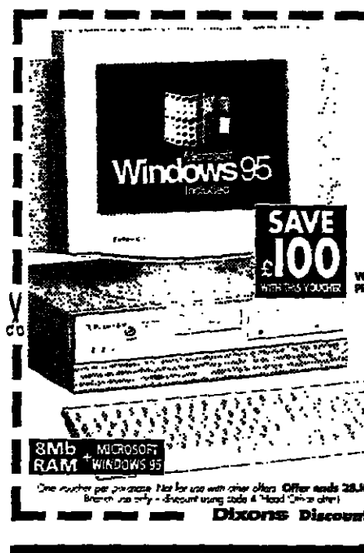
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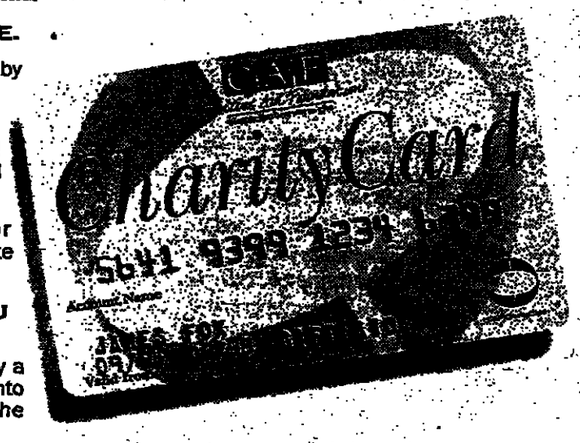
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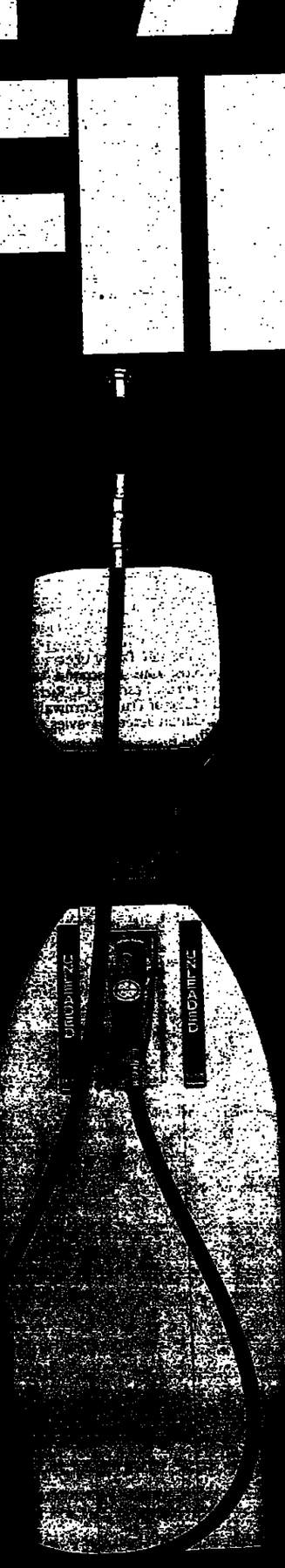
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Backlash begins as Powell is accused of selling out Republican revolution

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

COLIN POWELL has not yet climbed into the American presidential ring, but conservatives on the far Right of the Republican Party are attacking him furiously for even thinking of joining the contest.

They are angry because General Powell is pro-choice on abortion, in favour of gun controls, against official prayer in schools and a supporter of programmes that give favourable treatment to his fellow blacks. Citing these markedly non-conservative stances, the stop-Powell critics complain that he would "sell out" the Republican revolution. One of them called him "Bill Clinton with medal ribbons".

Ignoring their swipes at him, the retired Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff continued at his home in the Washington suburbs yesterday his meticulous deliberations into whether to seek the Republican nomination to run against President Clinton.

His book tour over, the general has edged closer to making a decision in the past few days. He has talked to two leading conservatives who are on his side, Jack Kemp, a former Housing Secretary, and William Bennett, a former Education Secretary and drug "tsar". Their apparent encouragement has further enraged the far Right.

He has also telephoned Ronald Lauder, son of Estée Lauder of cosmetics fame, to ask about the all-important issue of campaign funding. Mr Lauder, an important Republican money raiser, has known and liked General Powell since the Reagan days when he was an assistant Secretary of Defence. He warned the general that the longer he waits, the more difficult fundraising will be. An estimated $6 million to $8 million (£3.8 million to £5 million) will be needed for the primary season that begins in January. At least $1 million is necessary as up-front "seed money" to set up campaign headquarters and fund-raising apparatus.

General Powell continues to worry about the impact of campaigning on his family. His wife, Alma, believes that it would be dangerous for him to run because he would become a target for "crazy people". Still, all the signs are that he is on the verge of having a go and that he will make his intentions explicit some time between November 11, the day America honours its armed forces veterans, and the start of the Thanksgiving long weekend on November 23.

In the meantime, uncertainty over his candidature has paralysed the campaigns and fund-raising efforts of the ten Republicans who have already declared. Some of them have been preparing for years for their fling at the White House, but "Waiting for Colin" has taken over as Washington's autumn obsession.

Weeping Korean ex-leader admits £400m slush fund

BY PEREGRINE HODSON

ROH TAE WOO, the former President of South Korea, yesterday revealed that he had secretly amassed 500 billion won (about £400 million) during his five-year rule.

He said that the "governing fund" was used to pay for the activities of political parties. He also admitted that he retained about 170 billion won for his personal use after he left office in 1993.

"I now feel limitlessly shameful for being a former President," he said on television.

In an apparent attempt to deflect public outrage, Mr Roh added that some of the funds had been spent on payments for public servants and "taking care of needy people". The former President admitted that he was clearly at fault. "The remaining fund should have been returned to the state at the close of my presidential term, but I couldn't at that time, due to various situations." He did not elaborate.



Roh: wipes away a tear on television yesterday

To minimise the damage to his ally, President Kim Young Sam, who will lead the ruling Democratic Liberal Party into an election next April, Mr Roh made a humiliating apology. "I feel absolutely ashamed. I will take full responsibility and I am ready to accept any punishment. This may sound like an excuse, but such political funds, though wrong, have long been our political practice," he said, adding that the money came from business donations.

About 200 students marched on Mr Roh's home in Seoul but were scattered by police firing teargas. The opposition Democratic Party demanded his arrest.

Mr Roh was the last in a line of military-backed presidents who worked with big business in an often sleazy alliance that powered South Korea's economic development.

Mr Kim came to office by appealing to the electorate as a "clean politician", who refused to accept funding from businesses. He has initiated reforms to distance himself from earlier military-backed governments, and now he has staked his political life on a thorough investigation of the scandal.

Mr Roh's unprecedented public confession follows a series of allegations by the opposition over the past week that he had collected secret slush funds to buy votes.

The revelations have incensed South Koreans, who are disenchanted with Mr Kim. Many believe he will try to protect Mr Roh who they suspect helped to fund his successor's election victory.

The scandal took a further twist yesterday when Kim Dae Jung, the foremost opposition leader, admitted receiving two billion won from Mr Roh during the 1992 presidential campaign. He also claimed to have evidence that Mr Roh gave the President several hundred billion won during the 1992 campaign.



Imelda Marcos, the former First Lady of Philippines, flashes a victory sign yesterday as she waves the document confirming her as a member of the House of Representatives. She was sworn in at the Supreme Court, putting the official seal on a comeback just short of a decade after she had to flee the country in disgrace. "I will support and protect the constitution of the Philippines."

Marcos sworn into parliament

pledged Mrs Marcos, whose name has become synonymous with massive official corruption. Mrs Marcos, 66, who fled with her husband Ferdinand to Hawaii after he was overthrown as President in a popular revolt in 1986, also promised to abide by the country's laws. She still faces an 18-year jail term imposed when she was convicted on corruption charges arising from her husband's 20 years in power, nine of which the country spent under martial law. She is appealing against the sentence and would automatically forfeit her seat if the appeal is turned down. Several congressmen, including some who suffered detention under martial law, have said they would boycott the chamber on the day Mrs Marcos takes up her seat. Mrs Marcos had an answer for them: "Everybody has the freedom to do what he wants to do. I will always respect them whatever they want to do. My only obsession is to help the people." *(Reuter)*

Disney launches film made by child molester

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

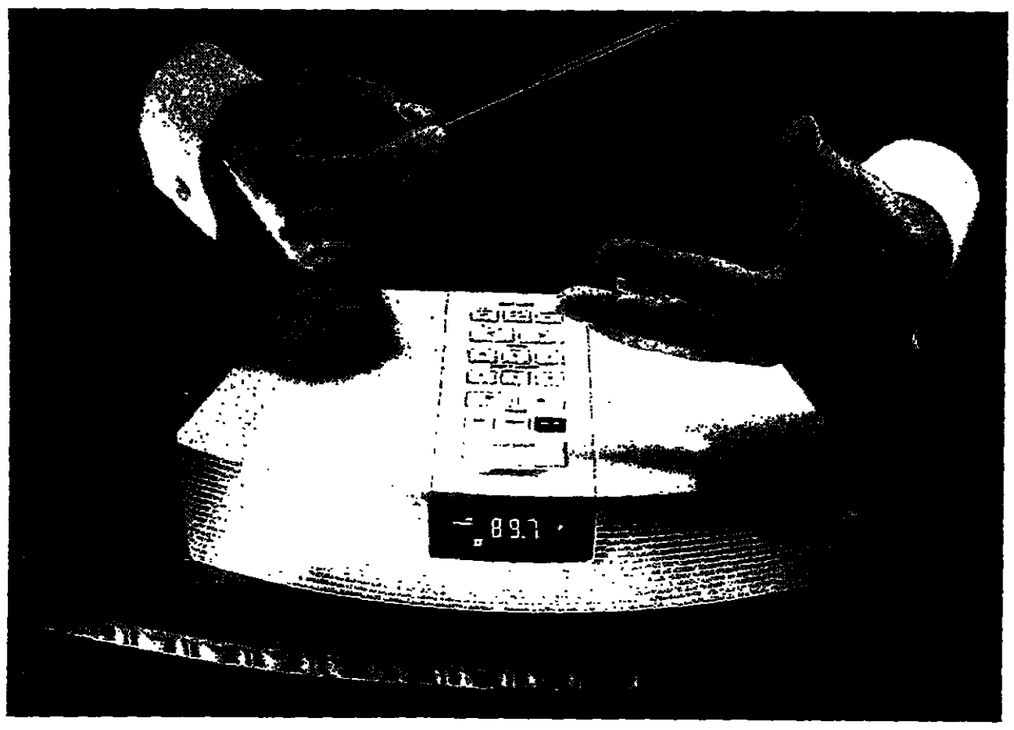
DESPITE a storm of protest over revelations that its director is a convicted child molester, the Walt Disney Company last night went ahead with the launch of *Powder*, its new film.

Last Tuesday night an advance screening of the film, the story of a troubled teenager with unnaturally white skin, was picketed by friends and family of Nathan Winters, who was molested by Victor Silva, the writer and director. Mr Silva was convicted of the crime in 1987.

Mr Winters, now 20, attended the protest, accusing Disney of lining the pockets of a child rapist and urging passers-by not to spend their money on the film. He was a 12-year-old child actor when he was twice forced to have oral sex with Mr Silva, who videotaped both incidents.

Executives at Disney have been quick to defend their decision not to sack Mr Silva. They learnt of his criminal record halfway through filming. "He paid his debt to society," Roger Birnbaum, head of Disney's Caravan Pictures, said. The director in fact served 15 months of a three-year jail sentence. He left Tuesday's screening by a back entrance to avoid the protesters but later issued a statement claiming he had paid for his mistakes and now wanted to continue his career. He will do so with difficulty. One crew member told *Daily Variety* that Mr Silva was "overly friendly" with children working as extras in *Powder*. More ominously, according to the critic Michael Medved, the film is "wretched ... a real turkey". It opened as planned at 1,200 cinemas across America last night, but cinema chains were ready to drop it depending on public reaction to the furore.

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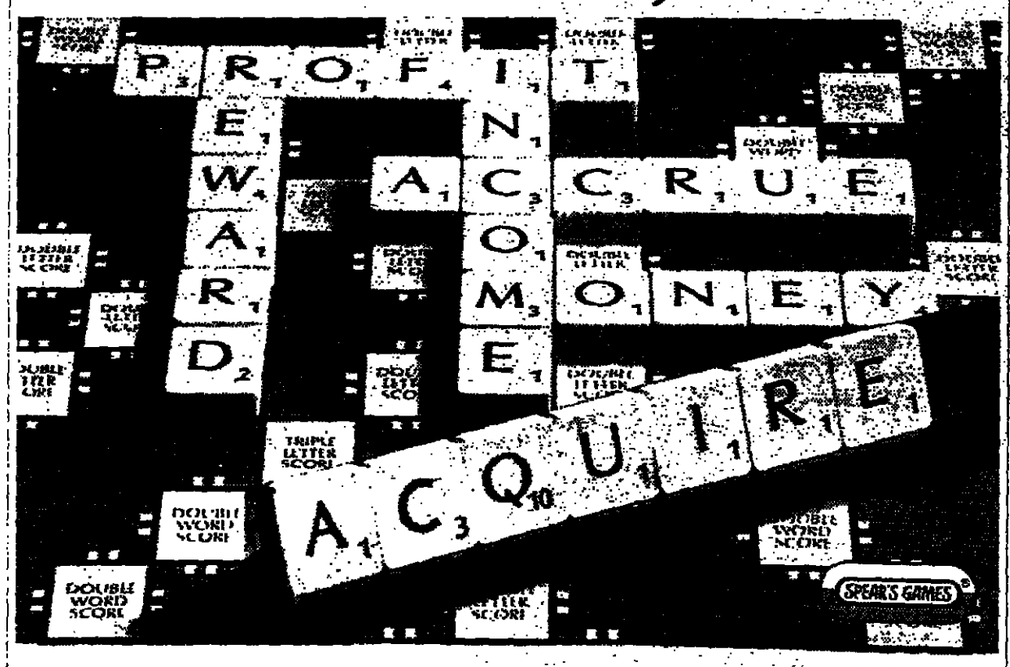
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'Dear Quebeckers, think of your parents and grandparents who bequeathed you this country'

Thousands gather in plea to keep Quebec in Canada

FROM HERVÉ GUILBAUD IN MONTREAL

QUEBEC REFERENDUM

TENS of thousands of people from throughout Canada travelled to Montreal by road, rail and air yesterday for a huge rally which attempted to persuade Quebeckers to cast their referendum votes in favour of staying in Canada.

According to CBC television estimates, about 150,000 people attended "Crusade for Canada", a grassroots campaign intended to tell Quebeckers that the rest of Canada wants them to remain in the confederation and that the rest of the country loves Quebec. Amid the sea of Canadian maple leaf and Quebec fleur-de-lys flags were handwritten slogans. One said simply: "Please stay".

From Halifax, Nova Scotia, in the east to Victoria, British Columbia, in the west, smaller rallies were being staged simultaneously by Canadians unable to fly or trek to Montreal for the main event, by far the biggest rally of the referendum campaign. The campaign culminates on Monday in a Quebec-wide referendum in which voters will be asked whether or not they want a "sovereign" Quebec.

Planeloads of ordinary Canadians left the Maritime Provinces in the east and the prairies in the west to begin arriving here on Thursday night. In Toronto, about a six-hour drive from Montreal, thousands braved the rain to leave on buses before 5am to be here in Ottawa, buses began leaving Parliament Hill about 6am; in both Ottawa and Toronto, hundreds of disappointed supporters were left behind as it became clear that not enough seats were available.

Many scrambled to the VIA Rail system in search of alternative transport; others went home to collect their cars to drive to Montreal. The urgency was accentuated for these supporters of a united Canada by the publication early yesterday of yet another opinion poll showing the separatists leading in the campaign.

According to the SOM poll, 46 per cent of decided voters will vote in favour of establishing an independent French-speaking country; 40 per cent said they intended to vote to keep Quebec within the 128-year-old Canadian confederation.

This news immediately hit the money markets. The Canadian dollar, which had been stable since late last Tuesday, opened at just 72.66 US cents, down from Thursday's close of 73.26 cents. The Canadian currency later stabilised and was hovering around 73 US cents.

A main speaker at Friday's rally was Jean Chrétien, the Canadian Prime Minister and a francophone Quebecker. The sudden change in federalist fortunes in the past two weeks has forced Mr Chrétien to change his tactics. He originally planned to portray himself as an international statesman, leaving the squabbling and the campaigning to others.

But all that changed with the opinion polls, and he quickly cancelled yesterday's meeting with five Central American leaders in Ottawa. He was also forced to change his message.

At the start of the referendum campaign, with the federalists apparently in the lead, Mr Chrétien refused to entertain the idea of constitutional change to satisfy Quebeckers seeking greater autonomy. Increasingly, however, he has suggested that change would be continuing.

He said to enthusiastic cheers yesterday: "We will make the changes that are needed." He did not elaborate, but added in a speech short on detail but long on emotion: "Canadians will remain united into the 21st century from sea to sea." Speaking French, he went on: "My dear fellow Quebeckers, next Monday you will have a heavy responsibility — think of your children, think of your grandchildren, think of your parents and your grandparents, who bequeathed you this country."

He also thanked non-Quebec Canadians who still use French as their mother-tongue, many of whom are concerned that, without Quebec, French language and culture could be lost in Canada. *(AFP)*



Montreal residents wave Canadian and Quebec flags to welcome demonstrators arriving for the unity rally

Four poor sisters look to America

FROM RICHARD CLEROUX IN OTTAWA

THE four fiercely proud Atlantic Provinces would be left high and dry 500 miles away from the rest of Canada if Quebec were to separate.

The 2.5 million people in the provinces make up 13 per cent of the population of Canada but they are the poorest four provinces. In the case of Newfoundland, a former British colony, which joined Canada in 1949, about half of its provincial budget is supplied by the federal government. Economists say it is doubtful that a reduced Canada would be able to be as generous to the four poorer sisters.

Professor Donald Savoie, an economist at the University of Moncton and dedicated Canadian nationalist, says he feels that eventually the four Atlantic Provinces would join the United States. "If Quebec separates," he says, "I think everything will be on the table."

In the past few years the four provinces have formed the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council, which has been promoting closer trade ties with New England and other states. They have been able to take advantage of the new North American free trade agreement to ship an increasing supply of foodstuffs and pulp paper and other forestry products.

The politicians are less categoric. They expect that for the short term there would be an attempt to obtain more aid from the Government in Ottawa.

An expected drop in the value of the Canadian dollar would greatly help the provinces' exports to the United States. What would hurt Quebec would be a hard rupture in trade between Quebec and Atlantic Canada. Ten per cent of Quebec's exports, in largely manufactured goods, now go to Atlantic Canada.

An important consideration would be whether an agreement could be reached to allow existing rail lines to operate freely between Atlantic Canada and the rest of Canada beyond Quebec.

Cultural bastion under threat

BY TOM RHODES

FRENCH

EMMA STEVENS arrived in Quebec as a struggling British actress more than 15 years ago and for more than a decade she has run the tiny theatre at Knowlton, a quintessentially English-speaking village in the heart of the Eastern townships first settled by British loyalists in the eighteenth century.

Faced with the strictures of French language laws, banning any advertising in English, Ms Stevens has fought hard to keep the theatre alive. But the referendum on Monday, she says, may prove the final curtain for the only English-speaking theatre outside Montreal.

"If they vote Yes, then I believe a lot of English-speakers will leave this area," said Ms Stevens. The prospect of failure for the separatists is little better. Ms Stevens said the issue would remain a divisive factor among Quebeckers and would result in a gradual exodus of English-speakers from the region.

Its lakeside retreats, for centuries synonymous with a British culture, have made Knowlton and the small towns of Boston, North Hatley and Farnham islands of spoken English in an otherwise French sea.

The Queen has visited the area on several occasions and the dwindling population of "Anglos" are particularly proud of their heritage.

They realise, however, that the battle for a British identity may soon be lost. Five French restaurants have opened along the lake to cater for a population which is said now to be half French-speaking.

Estate agents say the market is stagnant as the traditional buyers from the western island of Montreal, an English bastion, wait for the referendum result before investing in holiday retreats and second homes. Many have already transferred funds to Ontario and the United States in the expectation that the Canadian dollar could collapse with a Yes vote.

Ms Stevens is depressed. "I have invested everything here," she said. "What shall I do now?" Appropriately, her next engagement is to play Shirley Valentine in Montreal.

Pioneer dynasty split in two

BY TOM RHODES

FRENCH

IN THE sitting room of her large white house in Cowansville, Gabrielle Bertrand casts an expert eye over the latest analysis in a French newspaper before tuning in to a radio talk show and calling the local pollster.

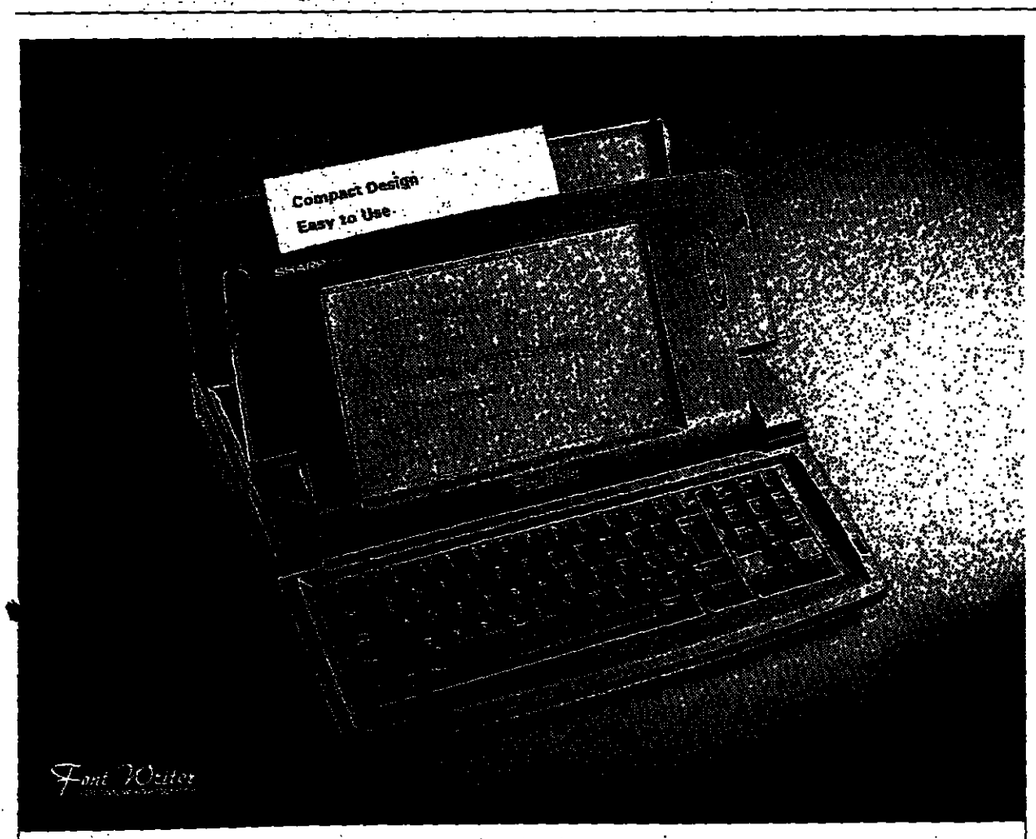
It is two years since Mrs Bertrand, a sprightly 72, resigned her parliamentary seat but, for a woman raised in the cradle of political Quebec, the possible separation of her province is as close to home as it has ever been. Independence has been a matter of constant debate since childhood when one grandfather ran three times for office and her father became a councillor. Jean-Jacques, Mrs Bertrand's late husband, was Prime Minister of Quebec in the late 1960s while her son, Jean-François, was a separatist minister in the province for seven years.

Gone are the days when mother and son were official opponents — she was a federalist MP in Ottawa — but the divisions are still in evidence. Her four daughters will vote to stay with Canada, while two sons will favour a split.

"Women are more likely to vote against, I suppose we are just more practical," Mrs Bertrand said. "This is a subject we try not to talk about too much, but at times like this it's hard. The referendum is causing splits in French-speaking families everywhere. This one is no different."

The population of Cowansville, on the edge of the English-speaking enclave of the Eastern Townships, has changed substantially since Mrs Bertrand's grandparents arrived as the first French-speakers in 1895. Today the French are the majority and many will vote Yes at the polls next week.

"I understand the resentment from the French. They were excluded at the start but it's no longer like that here. We have a *bonne entente* between the two cultures," she said. "Especially for older people, Canada is our country. We are its pioneers, and yet we may scrap that for false principles."



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Unesco adviser calls for protection of threatened 20,000-year-old engravings

Expert on Stone Age art demands halt to dam work

BY EDWARD OWEN

A FRENCH expert on rock art who advises Unesco said yesterday that work must be halted immediately on a huge dam in Portugal that will swamp the world's largest open-air site of Stone Age engravings.

Dr Jean Clottes had been due to attend a meeting yesterday in Lisbon of international specialists. It had been convened by the Portuguese heritage organisation, Ipaar, and the Ministry of Culture, but the new Socialist Government, elected only four weeks ago, has postponed the gathering until next month. Manuel Maria Carrilho, the Minister of Culture, will then decide the fate of the 20,000-year-old art gallery.

Construction work is well under way on the dam across the Coa river, a tributary of the Douro near the Spanish border in northern Portugal. The state electricity company, EDP, has spent £19 million so far on the hydro-electric and irrigation scheme.

"It is a political problem," says Dr Clottes, 62, president of the rock art committee of the international committee on monuments and sites, Icomos, a non-governmental body that works closely with Unesco. "No foreigner can tell the Portuguese Government what to do. But they should know what they are talking about before they take an irrevocable decision.

"My advice is, let us stop the dam. The Portuguese should be given time and money to protect and study the site for eight to ten years. At first, only about 50 engravings were discovered, but now there are probably thousands. It is of world importance, probably the biggest open-air Palaeolithic site in the world. We do not know of any others.

"It is significant because we do not have so many engravings in caves. The engravings must have been transcriptions of myths outside and different rites in the valley," he said.

Dr Clottes complained that in the battle of words and reports between the electricity company and conservationists he had been "completely misrepresented in the Portuguese press. They said that Unesco was all for flooding the engravings. I certainly never, never said that".

He said his initial worry after the first findings by an Ipaar archaeologist last November was that the few engravings then discovered in the deep, remote valley, which includes one of Portugal's finest port vineyards, would be vandalised because of the media coverage. He had asked for a geological study to find out if the engravings would survive under water and said that three years would be needed to explore the site before it was flooded.

He is also deeply suspicious of the methods used by archaeologists hired by the state electricity company whose findings conveniently slash the age of the engravings (in one report to just a few hundred years), thus favouring EDP. "I am 99 per cent sure they are Upper Palaeolithic, very roughly 20,000 years old, probably Solutrean [a Stone Age culture]. All the details point to this error: the scenes of now extinct Palaeolothic animals and the engraving techniques; also for what they do not depict — no snakes, birds, fish, never the moon, the sun, the stars or people.

> "The Portuguese should be given time and money to protect and study the site for eight to ten years"

"Today's meeting was delayed because of the political situation," Marina Pignatelli, an anthropologist who is personal assistant to Nuno Santos Pinheiro, president of Ipaar, said yesterday. She said that Antonio Guterres, the Prime Minister, had still not made any decisions but is worried about the present drought. She would like to see the engravings preserved. Even more have appeared since the water level subsided recently.

The town of Vila Nova de Foz Coa, near the dam, is having second thoughts about its potential tourist site, however. "We are suffering from a lack of water and people say that is more important than anything else," says Artur Martins, the local English teacher, who wants to save the engravings.

Campaign funds have been raised by selling "Palaeolithic port" and T-shirts.



One of the thousands of 20,000-year-old engravings put at risk by the Portuguese hydro-electric dam project



Another of the threatened rock engravings, with the new hydro-electric project in the background



Clottes: decision is of world importance

Italian dinosaurs re-emerge after Dini's narrow victory



Di Pietro: crusader who has an eye on politics

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN ROME

ITALIAN MPs this week staged a traditional pantomime in what is supposed to be a reformed political system: a tottering government escaped being voted out of office by a hair's breadth. The country's 54th postwar Government almost gave way to the 55th.

Regular cliff-hanger votes are supposed to be a thing of the past. Four years ago the country famous for revolving-door governments began purging its political class: the elderly and corrupt dinosaurs who held office irrespective of election results were thrown out. The all-powerful Christian Democratic party collapsed into small splinter groups. Communists became almost extinct. Election law was reshaped to resemble the Anglo-Saxon first-past-the-post system.

Yet on Thursday the Chamber of Deputies here swarmed with MPs absorbed by the hugely enjoyable and age-old pursuit of watching a fragile coalition fight for its life by making a last-minute deal to buy the votes of a minor party. A packed and chattering chamber watched the thin, bony figure of Lamberto Dini, the Prime Minister, offer to resign at the end of the year. This concession secured the support of the "Reconstructed Communists" and allowed Signor Dini's Government to escape a censure vote called by Silvio Berlusconi, the right-wing leader.

Signor Berlusconi, cheated of his prey, could only look on from the steep wooden benches and scowl murderously. "I behave like Snow White in a world where there are no fairy tale endings," he grumbled later. The television tycoon is climbing a steep learning curve in politics; he governed for eight months after a barn-storming election victory but fell from power when his coalition unravelled at the end of last year. Since then Signor Berlusconi has compounded the damage by losing two confidence votes against Signor Dini.

Italy's political revolution has stalled, half-finished. The new election law still leaves small parties with the power to make or break coalitions. A new political class has not yet emerged.

The old guard of Italian politics is making a spirited comeback. Away from the chaotic crowd scenes in the Chamber of Deputies, a handful of men is competing to complete the changes which began when magistrates in Milan began investigating the dirty money which fuelled the postwar political system.

Three of these players belong to the older generation who escaped the censure which has retired or jailed many of their contemporaries. President Scalfaro is busy trying to delay a general election to give time for a centre party to emerge. Some pundits hint that Francesco Cossiga, the former President, might spring back into the limelight. Signor Dini, the youngest of this trio at 64, entered government as a technocratic ex-banker but is gently building up his personality cult. He is mentioned as a possible leader of both Centre-Left and Centre-Right.

At least 12 months of infighting, intrigue and a falling lira can be expected before one party or personality gains an upper hand. Signor Berlusconi is due to go on trial for company tax evasion in January and he may be forced out of politics. Signor Berlusconi's eclipse would be good news for two younger challengers: Gianfranco Fini, of the Alleanza Nazionale and Antonio Di Pietro, the crusading magistrate who has served notice that he is moving into politics.

So fluid are the current combinations of people and parties that Signor Di Pietro is suggested as a future Prime Minister of governments of both Right and Left. Italian politics is still searching for the holy grail of stability.

Prince's attacker wanted

Wellington: The man who lunged at the Prince of Wales with an aerosol can in Auckland last year could be jailed for the duration of the Queen's New Zealand visit, provided that the police can find him (Michael Munro writes).

Sam Bracanov, a veteran anti-royalist of Croatian descent, yesterday failed to appear at an Auckland court to sign a promise of good behaviour and a warrant for his arrest was issued.

Mr Bracanov, 59, had been quoted as saying that all royalty were parasites and should be shot, and he had also allegedly said that he had access to guns. The Queen's visit starts on Monday.

Chernobyl plant shuts reactor

Kiev: One of two working reactors at the Chernobyl nuclear power station was shut down because of defects inside a refuelling system, the director of the station, site of the world's worst nuclear accident in 1986, said. "Problems were discovered inside the system for loading fresh fuel into reactor number one, Sergei Parashin said. "There was no release of radiation. There is nothing serious about this." *(Reuter)*

Editor punished for Grachev slur

Moscow: A Moscow court sentenced Vadim Poegli, the editor of *Moskovsky Komsomolets*, Moscow's most popular daily, to a year's corrective labour for saying that Pavel Grachev, the Defence Minister, diverted army funds to buy himself Mercedes-Benz cars. Although eligible for an amnesty, Mr Poegli intends to appeal against his sentence. *(AP)*

Numbers revised for black march

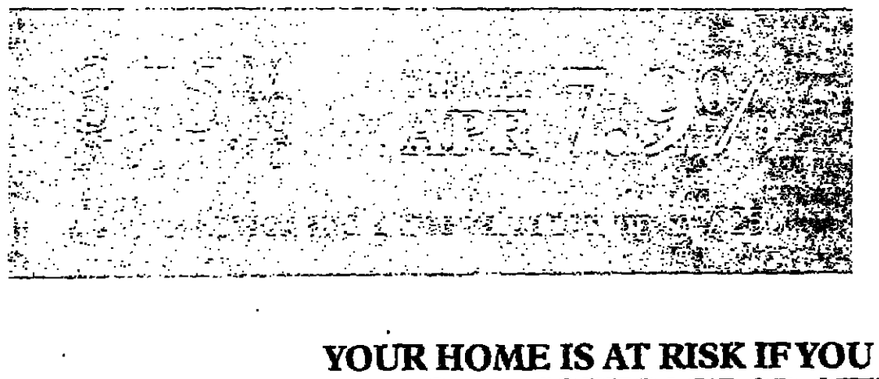
Boston: Estimates of the number who took part in the Million Man March black rally in Washington have been revised down from the two million the organisers claimed to 837,000 on photographic evidence. With a margin of error of 20 per cent, the numbers could range from 670,000 to 1,004,000. *(AP)*

Pole position

Ilulissat, Greenland: Professional Santas are competing for the Santa of the Year award, including sleigh driving and "ho-ho-hoing", with £64,000 for contributing the most to child welfare. *(Reuter)*

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Doctors put Yeltsin out of action for five weeks

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

KREMLIN doctors yesterday ordered that President Yeltsin remain under tight medical supervision until the end of November, effectively turning the Russian leader into an absentee head of state.

In a move which will leave a power vacuum at the apex of Russian politics, the President's doctors ruled out any possibility that the Kremlin leader will play an active role in domestic politics or in foreign affairs for the best part of five weeks.

"The doctors came to the conclusion that the President will have to stay under their close supervision during October and November," said Sergei Medvedev, the presidential spokesman, adding that President Yeltsin was suffering from an "unstable blood supply to the heart".

The decision appeared to suggest that the Russian leader's heart condition is more serious than his aides initially admitted, and that he will be confined to hospital or to a sanatorium outside Moscow to recuperate.

The cost to the Kremlin's prestige at a critical time in Russian politics will be heavy. First, Russia has had to postpone a historic Moscow summit scheduled for next Tuesday between the Bosnian, Croatian and Serb leaders. President Yeltsin has also had to cancel a crucial visit to China later next month, and put off a visit to Norway, which was originally postponed in June after his first bout of heart trouble put him in hospital.

More importantly for Russia, the Kremlin leader will be out of action as campaigning gets under way for December's parliamentary elections, when his hardline nationalist and Communist opponents are expected to sweep to victory.

In spite of his poor prospects, President Yeltsin's advisers and ministers rallied round him. Mr Medvedev insisted that at no time during the latest heart problem had the Kremlin leader lost consciousness and added that the President was still in control of the country and "the nuclear button". He warned those who might try to take advantage of President Yeltsin's absence that the Kremlin leader would use his "boxer's instincts" to fight back.

General Pavel Grachev, the Defence Minister, who is currently visiting America, said that he had been told President Yeltsin was already feeling much better.

"My sources are my aides in Moscow who have communicated this to me by telephone — his health is much better, there is no cause for alarm," said General Grachev, one of the Kremlin leader's most loyal supporters in government.

Even Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, who has a constitutional duty to take over as head of state if the President is unable to fulfil his duties, tried to ease the public's fears, saying: "He is fine, he is fine."

The soothing rhetoric and apparent openness of the Kremlin may not convince the people of Russia, however, given that their leader has not been seen in public since Monday. President Yeltsin, 64, is said to be receiving only his doctors, close relatives and his most trusted bodyguards at a special wing of the Central Clinical Hospital in Moscow.

Most of President Yeltsin's main opponents in parliament refrained from commenting on the impact of his absence, but privately pundits believe it is bound to influence adversely the election prospects of his centrist and reformist allies.

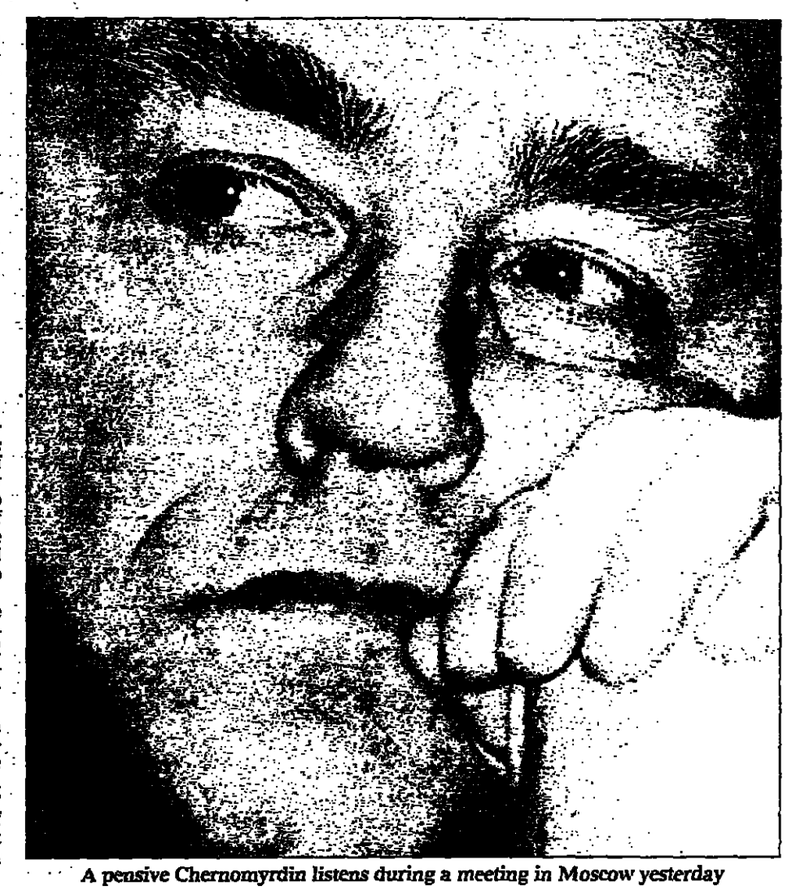
Viktor Ilyukhin, a Communist member of the Duma, the lower house of parliament, did not hide his view that President Yeltsin has become a lame-duck leader. He wants to revive a Bill that would establish an independent medical body which would rule whether the leader was fit to govern.

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US spies get blamed

Moscow: Boris Yeltsin's latest illness is the work of "foreign special services", according to Vladimir Zhirinovsky, Russia's ultra-nationalist. Seeing a link between the President's recent trip to America where he had a meeting with Bill Clinton, Mr Zhirinovsky told reporters here: "Clinton needs a victory in the next election and, if Yeltsin stays President of Russia, Clinton will lose the election."

He added: "This is the dirty world of politics when people are killed so that another man at the other side of the world could again become a President." *(Reuter)*



A pensive Chernomyrdin listens during a meeting in Moscow yesterday

Promises of a prophet in waiting win few converts

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN CHERNY OTROG

WHEN Viktor Chernomyrdin made a flying visit to his native village last month, he was given a hero's welcome. The Russian Prime Minister inspected the building work he had ordered, saw a few old friends and left early the next morning.

But Mr Chernomyrdin, the builder and manager, has still not made the full transition to politician. He was also in the area to promote his new party, Our Home Is Russia, before next month's elections. Even on home territory, though, the omens for him are not so good.

"I had not heard," said Natalya Nikulina, an 86-year-old woman in a headscarf and a cardigan down to her knees, when asked about the new party. She was first cousin to Mr Chernomyrdin's father, Stepan. "Is it capitalism or communism?" inquired Mrs Nikulina's neighbour, Pelageya Ustinova, picking her way down the muddy village street. Told that Mr Chernomyrdin's party was promising capitalism, she said she was not interested.

Our Home Is Russia was formed in the spring to seize the centre-ground of Russian politics and shore up Mr Chernomyrdin's Government. Now it has another objective — to be the launch pad for a Chernomyrdin bid for the presidency next June. So far, however, Our Home Is Russia has failed to establish grassroots support in the provinces. In the conservative countryside it faces formidable opposition from the two established left-wing movements, the Communist and Agrarian parties.

When Mr Chernomyrdin was born in Cherny Otrog 57 years ago, there were no decent roads, no running water and little contact with the outside world. Mrs Nikulina remembered how her young cousin ran around the streets and played the accordion. He left as soon as he could to work as a fitter in a local gas refinery.

Now, in a long-established Russian tradition, the leader's place of birth is booming with wealth. An improbable four-storey white-brick chalet, complete with sauna and swimming pool, is rising. It would not be out of place in a Moscow suburb. One of the workers said the building was for Mr Chernomyrdin's nephew. Across the village street, a crane is piling red bricks on an imposing new church.

In the regional capital of Orenburg, 40 miles to the west, they remember Mr Chernomyrdin as an energetic industrialist who managed the local gas plant and used the profits to build a two-square-mile stretch of the city from scratch. In his spare time, he hunted in the surrounding flatlands for geese, birds and elks. He was seen as an effective manager, a man of few words but powerful deeds.

Gennadi Donkovtsev, Mayor of Orenburg and former Communist Party boss, has known Mr Chernomyrdin since 1976. He said he was not surprised he had risen to be Prime Minister. But he added that Our Home Is Russia, a party conceived in the Kremlin and forced on the Prime Minister, was more of a trap than an asset. "Today Our Home Is Russia is at a peak and everyone is applauding, but the moment it stumbles there will be a mass flight from it," he said.

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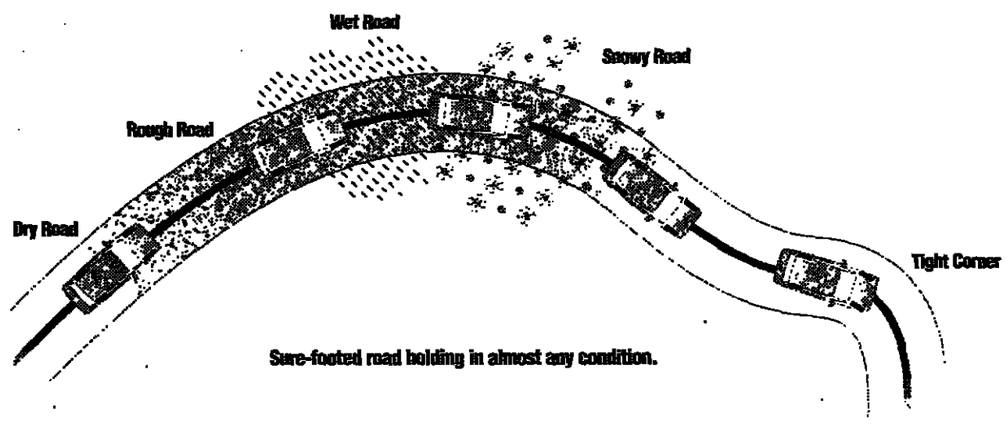
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Newspaper tries to force Mimi Papandreou into renouncing drive for seat in parliament

Publisher held for nude photos of Premier's wife

ATHENS FILE by MALCOLM BRABANT



A GREEK newspaper publisher was arrested yesterday after the publication of a picture apparently showing the wife of Andreas Papandreou, the Socialist Prime Minister, in an intimate naked beach scene with another woman.

A state prosecutor ordered the arrest of the publishers of the *Avriani* and *Onoma* newspapers for "unprovoked insult" over the alleged picture of Dimitra Papandreou, 40, universally known as Mimi. Police later arrested Makis Psomiadis, the publisher of *Onoma*, and said that he would be taken to court to be tried immediately.

George Kouris, the publisher of *Avriani*, carried out his threat to publish what he believes is the most damaging picture ever seen of Mrs Papandreou. Under the headline "She governs us!", the front page of *Avriani* was devoted to a full frontal nude shot of Mrs Papandreou, reclining on a rock, and apparently doing little to resist a lesbian advance from a topless woman.

Beneath it the newspaper said: "Wake up unfortunate Andreas ... Mimi has destroyed you, and your party, she has humiliated the political life of this land and because of her we have become a laughing stock in the eyes of foreigners."

Athenians normally turn up their noses at the populist offerings of *Avriani*, but newspaper kiosks quickly sold out of this edition. "This should be in *Penthouse*, not on the front page of a newspaper. Mimi is totally humiliated, this is going to kill Papandreou when he sees it," said a stockbroker.

Staff at the Prime Minister's official residence were also shocked when the paper dropped on their desks. One said: "I'm sure its a montage, generated by computer," a comment which echoes Mrs Papandreou's views, who has made quite clear that she is not a lesbian.

For the past few weeks she has been steeling herself for what Mr Kouris has been billing as "Mimi's end". He has been reprinting naked photographs of Mrs Papandreou taken when she was an Olympic Airlines hostess and became the Prime Minister's mistress. She dismisses those pictures as the antics of a young, free, high-spirited young woman who never dreamt of marrying the Prime Minister.

Avriani says it was forced to publish yesterday's compromising picture because Mrs Papandreou had ordered the arrest of Mr Kouris for the non-payment of staff contributions to the National Insurance Fund. Mr Kouris says he will publish more damaging photographs and "some terrible documents" unless she resigns as director of the Prime Minister's private office and renounces her ambition to become a politician.

Mrs Papandreou intends to weather the *Avriani* storm, but it could set back her hopes to become a Socialist candidate in the next general election scheduled for 1997. She has already retreated to her "Pink Palace" home after several high profile appearances which seemed to prove that the Greek public is not quite ready for Mimi the politician.

Although many Greeks disapprove of Mr Kouris's tactics they share his concern that she wields too much influence over her 76-year-old husband, who in recent years has suffered health problems. Despite persistent suggestions that Mr Papandreou can work for only two or three hours at a stretch, he still controls the party he conceived during the Colonels' dictatorship. Earlier this month he defeated an attempt to oust him.

Whatever the Greeks may think of Mrs Papandreou, she has had an eight-year master class in the art of using power and influencing the masses. The Prime Minister says he will back her if she wants to stand as an MP. All she has to do is to keep him alive until the next election.



Mimi Papandreou with her husband Andreas, who supports her ambitions

Another fines day for Athenians

LIKE it or not, Greeks are being forced to change their habits in line with the rest of Europe and spearheading the campaign is Dimitris Avromopoulos, the Conservative Mayor of Athens.

Not content with forcing Athenian drivers out of the historic heart of the city to reduce air pollution, he has now declared war on litterbugs.

Many visitors to Athens are appalled at the ease with which Greeks drop cigarette packets and other rubbish in the street. Now municipal police are administering fines of £15 and more for such offences. "We are determined to live in a clean and human city," said Avromopoulos.

A recent survey showed that traditionally chauvinistic Greek men are slowly beginning to share chores with their wives. Whatever next? Perhaps they'll soon start paying tax.

Serbs win aid of top lawyer on war trials

GREECE'S most famous criminal lawyer, Alexander Lykourezos, has offered to represent General Ratko Mladic, the Serb military commander, for free.

Although Mr Lykourezos, who describes himself as "an autonomous Greek liberal", denies advising the Serbs to demand a moratorium on war crimes trials for their leadership as part of any settlement, he said: "I think and hope there might be a solution within the peace process."

Of his client, he said: "I think he has been treated very unfairly. I think he is a very honest man and somebody who has really done his duty. Slowly history will evaluate things in a much more impartial way."

He added: "I identify myself with the Serbian struggle. I love them because traditionally we have always been close to them, and geopolitically their struggle is within the interests of Greece."

Mr Lykourezos recently successfully defended the British lorry driver accused of smuggling an Iraqi supergun into Greece, but failed to save the tycoon George Koskotas from jail for embezzling $200 million from the Bank of Crete.

Tudjman prospers from harvest of victories

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN ZAGREB

RIDING on a wave of nationalist triumphalism after the successes of the Croatian Army in recapturing Serb-occupied territory, President Tudjman looks certain to strengthen his grip on power in tomorrow's elections.

Even though voters will elect a new parliament, rather than a President, the election is about one man, observers say. Zagreb, like every Croatian city, is plastered with posters of the former wartime Communist partisan officer who sees himself as the father of independent Croatia. Staring out of the posters for his Croatian Democratic Union, dressed in a snappy blue business suit, his silver hair carefully coiffeured, a grinning President Tudjman looks like a sleek Swiss banker who has just clinched a deal.

Firmly schooled in the Communist method of controlling the political agenda, mainly by imposing rigid control on the broadcast media, President Tudjman has built up one of the last remaining cults of personality in Eastern Europe, comparable only to President Milosevic of Serbia.

This is not an election about policies, because in wartime everyone has the same problems and unites around the nation. This is an election about Franjo Tudjman, which is ironic because the presidential elections are not due for another couple of years. The Union party is far less popular than he is, but there is a cult of personality around him, because when a country is at war the leader becomes the focus. The party is leading in the polls with about 36 per cent support, and the main opposition, the Croatian Social Liberal Party, is trailing at around 20 per cent.

While the election itself is likely to be free and fair, question-marks remain over the way the election campaign has been organised, according to a report published by the National Democratic Institute, a wing of the Democratic Party in the United States.

The report identifies several areas of concern, in particular the decision to reduce the number of seats guaranteed to the country's Serbian minority from 13 to three and the inclusion of 291,000 Bosnian Croats on the voting list. The report also criticised the role of the state-controlled broadcast media and the limited access given to opposition parties by Croatian television.

Tomislav Krusic, a party spokesman, said the report was biased. It did not say any party can have a paid spot on TV. If they pay for two hours, they will get two hours.

Mr Krusic also defended the decision to include Bosnian Croats on the electoral roll: those people who live in Bosnia-Herzegovina but are Croatian citizens can vote. They were either born in Croatia or the area that was part of Croatia before the borders were changed in 1945 when it became Bosnia.

Food chain sells Beetles

Bonn: Shoppers at the Stüssgen supermarket, the local equivalent to Safeways, are being enticed to take advantage of "the economic miracle of the week". Alongside sausages and sauerkraut, the ubiquitous Volkswagen Beetle is on display (writes Michael Kallenbach).

The Rewe food chain has been able to import the old Beetle relatively cheaply from the Volkswagen factory in Mexico. One branch sold its allocation of 150 cars in a day. Priced at DM16,666 (£7,575), sales have been so feverish that they have Volkswagen dealers worried.

French anti-terrorism moves cut crime rate

Paris: The anti-terrorist operation launched in France last month may not have prevented further bomb attacks, but it has had a sobering effect on the country's criminals (Ben Macintyre writes).

Crime rates in Paris have dropped by 10 per cent since the Government began deploying thousands of police and soldiers to guard potential terrorist targets.

With every Métro station patrolled by armed police and soldiers, the number of people attempting to travel without a ticket dropped sharply, while reinforced squads of customs officials have increased their haul of contraband, weapons and explosives.

More than 32,000 police and troops have been mustered across the country since the operation began on September 7. About two million identity checks have been carried out and 50,000 people have been taken in for questioning by police, according to the Interior Ministry.

Algerian Islamic fundamentalists have claimed responsibility for the wave of terrorist bombings, which began in July, killing six people and injuring 160.

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Please don't spare us the footnotes

An irritatingly clever reader writes to tell me that I "spout too many opinions, too few facts", and cites so much evidence to support her assertion that her letter, when screwed up into a small but densely-packed spheroid, makes a very reasonable paperweight. She is right, of course, but that is because readers are *always* right.

So, as a mental penance, I dedicate this article to a celebration not of artefacts, but Arty Facts. My model will be Dickens's Mr Gradgrind. "In this life, we want nothing but Facts, Sir." Admirable fellow, that Mr Gradgrind. We need more teachers like him in my children's schools. The kids are coming home looking a bit too damn happy for my liking.

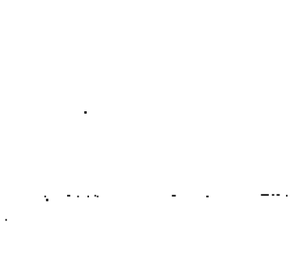
But I digress. What's worse, I opine. Back to the Facts, of which there are plenty around at present. Last month, the *New Grove Dictionary of Music* came out in paperback — all 20 volumes and 25,000 articles of it. You want Facts? For £320, you will get more than you can digest in a lifetime, at least if you also want to *listen* to some music as well as read about it.

By comparison, the new *Guinness Encyclopedia of Pop Music* — a mere six volumes — is considered by seasoned Fact-collectors to be distressingly slight. As for the new *Penguin Opera Guide* . . . well, it has been welcomed by the reviewers, but true *Gradgrinds will regard it as a* severe disappointment. Just *one* volume? What sort of bantamweight signal does that send out from your bookcase?

For serious Fact connoisseurs the only answer, of course, is a regular van delivery from the offices of *The New Grove*. What an industry! After the 22 million words of the parent volume came *out in 1980, the spin-offs have* included multi-volumed dictionaries of Musical Instruments (1984), American music (1986), Jazz (1988), Opera (1992), and, last year, Women Composers. In addition, a 23-volume Japanese translation has been produced.

More than 4,000 music scholars are now working on a *New NEW! Grove*, which will run to 24 volumes and be published in 1999. It will probably cost about the same as a *medium-sized semi* in Hendon, but never mind. Think of *all those lovely Facts, scrupulously* assembled, beautifully unreadable, magnificently esoteric, terrifically marginal. And the footnotes! The mouth waters.

But even the *New NEW! Grove* (actually I made that title up; the editors don't know what to call it yet) is eclipsed by what will be the publishing event of our lifetimes. Yes, whole forests stand trembling *as the presses start to roll for* Macmillan's *Dictionary of Art*, due out next year. A shelf-snapping 34 volumes! Some 26 million words! Contributions from 6,700



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scholars on 30,000 pages . . . and a price (£5,300) that compares very favourably with a visit from a *north London plumber*.

Naturally, such mammoth projects have their detractors. In the cut-throat "publish or perish" atmosphere of today's universities, thousands of arts lecturers have an interest in keeping the dictionary bandwagon rolling, even though their researches are uncovering smaller and smaller details about ever more obscure subjects. This view was famously and savagely expressed ten years ago by the *academic Joseph Kerman in a* book called *Musicology*, and there *is probably some truth in it.*

However, I feel the same way about these thousands of specialists, focusing their microscopes on medieval neumes or Patagonian pebble-carvings, as I do about little old ladies who polish the brasses of deserted country churches; or wild, staring *fanatics who devote every* weekend to keeping ancient cars roadworthy; or the *Wisden* bores who can name every Queensland batsman to tour South Africa since the war. Yes, the world could get by without them — but it would be a world of immensely diminished richness and delight.

Of course, when collecting facts about art or music becomes more *important to a person than experiencing the masterpieces at first hand, you have to think seriously* about calling in the men in white coats. *But just occasionally an epic* reference book is so beautifully written that it actually inspires artistic creativity. Think of how T.S. Eliot ackowledged his huge debt to J.G. Frazer's anthropological masterpiece, *The Golden Bough*, in the preface to *The Waste Land*. And rightly so: I am currently reading a new paperback edition of Frazer's monumental *study of ritual slayings* (invaluable background for anybody working *in a newspaper* office), and it has lost none of its stupendous evocative power in the 80 years *since it was finished.*

But permit me one tiny opinion to conclude my Homage to Facts. It is this: the best entry I have ever read in any reference book is one that should never have gone in at all. Look up the entry in *The New Grove* for one Dag Henrik Esrum-Hellerup, "Danish flautist, conductor and composer", born 1803, died 1891. Written by an eminent *authority on Scandinavian music*, Robert Layton, the entry is surpris*ingly well-informed about a figure* whose "rise to fame in the 1850s *was as rapid as his decline into* obscurity".

Only when The New Grove was well past final-proof stage did Layton reveal his dastardly secret. The entry is a spoof. Esrum-Hellerup is not a 19th-century flautist, but a small railway station on the Copenhagen-Helsingör line. Doubtless the entry will be ruthlessly purged from the *New NEW! Grove, but I do hope that* somebody slips in another fake gem *in its place. If there is one* thing I enjoy more than a good Fact, it's a full-blooded Whopper.

MUSICALS: Polished but patchy biography in the West End; revival of a dated Sondheim classic on Broadway

Blacker than he was painted

In this touchy era a musical about Al Jolson may seem, in prospect, as suspect as one celebrating the sexual exploits of *Tarquin Superbus*. After all, most of us think of Jolson as a white American who made his name by plastering his face with boot polish and singing songs in a yes-massa accent. Such excrescence has gone the way of our own Black and White Minstrels, who spent the 1960s at the Victoria Palace, but are not very likely to make a mass comeback.

Jolson
Victoria Palace

So it is not surprising that Francis Essex and Rob Bettinson's show does not give great emphasis to the blackfaced Jolson. There is a short scene in which he is shown onstage in rainbow trousers and woolly wig causing havoc among the *Gone with the Wind* crowd with his incompetence as a waiter, and his admission that he has three wives and 63 children; but we are denied a rendering of his *Paris is a Paradise for Coons*. it is the other aspects of Jolson's life and career that *mainly occupy the librettists.*

That is fine, but also a problem. True, the evening does not merely consist of yet another clutch of favourite songs lumpily linked by the dramatic counterpart of frayed string. You need only look at the marvellous sets, designed by Robert Jones, or feel the energy coming from Brian Conley and Sally Ann Triplett as Jolson and the most *glamorous of his wives*, to be sure of that. But the piece is *not quite as different from the* compendium shows that continue to invade London as its creators would like to believe.

The problem is Jolson the man, who was charmless without being interestingly charmless. Much of his more egregious behaviour is ignored, and a mawkishly implausible scene, in which he uncharacteristically gives a little encouragement to a black ragamuffin, has been added. But to their credit the authors *do not make great efforts to* conceal the fact that, when Triplett's *Ruby Keeler* compares him to an old-fashioned tank, she is underrating his push and aggressiveness.

Was that the effect on a poor Jewish immigrant of losing his mother at the age of eight and being rejected by his Rabbi father when he went into *showbiz*? The show suggests so, but can scarcely be said to explore the idea very trenchantly. Part one consists of Jolson defying conventional wisdom by doing a one-man show on Broadway, replacing an obsolete wife with Keeler, and making *The Jazz Singer* in Hollywood. Part two jumps from the early *1930s to the war*, shows a fading star reviving his fortunes by singing at the front and taking part in a film biography of himself, and ends with a big farewell performance at Radio City.

It is not all that dramatically arresting, but there are compensations. Triplett is a better singer than Conley, and has the songs, among them *You Made Me Love You* and *I Only Have Eyes for You*, to prove it. But Conley, although apt to grind a bit when he comes to *Swannee, California Here I Come* or the ghastly *Sonny Boy*, takes command of the stage with his drive, pugnacity and angry restlessness.

He grew on me as the *evening proceeded, as did* Jones's skill in creating an art-deco Radio City, or an apartment whose vaguely Egyptianised fake-18th-century furniture would be best described as Louis Farouk, or a shabby Broadway backstage. If this is not always a show for the ears and mind, it is certainly one for the eyes.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

DONALD COOPER



The "charmless without being interestingly charmless" Jolson (Brian Conley) serenades his screen mother (Chrissy Roberts) in a scene from *The Jazz Singer*, recreated in Francis Essex and Rob Bettinson's life of the great vaudevillian

Tarnished silver anniversary

FOR a quarter of a century *Company* has been regarded as a high point in musical theatre. An astringent look at marriage and urban alienation, the Stephen Sondheim-George Furth collaboration follows its hero, Bobby, as a Greek chorus of five couples prods him to get married. The form was revolutionary: a plotless series of vignettes that occur in Bobby's mind as he is about to enter his apartment where, he realises, a surprise birthday party awaits.

Company
New York

Scott Rudin's 25th anniversary production at the Roundabout Theatre gives a new generation a chance to see this quintessential New York musical, but the effect is no longer so bracing. Since 1970, other musicals, like *A Chorus Line*, have capitalised on the plotless form and dealt with adult themes. Tony Walton's two-level set of brass-railed platforms and skyscraper-shaped mirrors, overlooking a stage marked out as a clock face, gleams like the New York of one's dreams. The bleaker reality is in the characters.

The lanky Boyd Gaines is an amiable, if rather bland, Bobby, who is stymied by a fear of commitment. That reluctance and his succession of sexual liaisons suggest even darker problems than they did in 1970. His friends' horrendous marriages have registered with him on some level, but how close is Bobby to them, when he does not know that one is an alcoholic, or that one couple is on the brink of divorce? How does *he tolerate the insidious psy*chological abuse that David (John Hillner) *inflicts on his* wife, Jenny (Diana Canova)? Raised consciousness and changing mores have dated Furth's book (although Sondheim has sensitively revised one lyric to substitute "fag" with "gay").

The songs are the mainstay of *Company. Sorry/Grateful* and *The Little Things you do Together* — "Concerts you enjoy together/Neighbours you annoy together/Children you destroy together/Keep *marriage intact*" — debunk dewy-eyed notions of marital bliss. *Veanne Cox as Amy*, doubled up in spasms of terror as she agonises in presto tempo about *Getting Married Today*, is exhilarating. Gaines's *Being Alive* and *Another Hundred People* explore loneliness, although La Chanze, as a black girlfriend, Marta, inexplicably sings the latter (about "a city of strangers") while grinning widely.

But *Company*'s ending is still tough-minded. Bobby remains open to the possibility of marriage, as he turns away from his door and the friends whose examples have made him fear his feelings.

EDWARD KARAM

LONDON CONCERTS

Control the keys

FROM Berlioz for his inaugural concert as the **London Symphony Orchestra**'s new principal conductor, **Sir Colin Davis** moved to another favoured composer, Tippett, at the *Barbican last* Wednesday.

Tippett's Ritual Dances from *The Midsummer Marriage* are its most colourful instrumental feature, the writing for orchestra presupposing a sense of pictorial fancy that does not always come easily to a performance. Nor did it here, with Davis adopting a *slowish pulse, although* there was some bold woodwind playing and controlled shading of contours.

Control was equally at the heart of **Alfred Brendel**'s solo playing in Mozart's last Piano Concerto, K595 in B flat. His carefully balanced dialogue with the orchestra in the *first movement, while at*tending to the constantly *shifting harmonies, was fol*lowed by a Larghetto movement with the piano line lightly and engagingly ornamented in various places, and a finale taken in mutual respect between conductor and soloist at an unusually deliberate pace that tempered its boisterous spirit with purposeful character.

*Both here and in Dvo*řák's Eighth Symphony, Davis had to resort to surprisingly effortful conducting to obtain his desired result, and there was nothing he could do in performance to moderate the sometimes unpleasant rasp coming from the LSO strings.

KEYBOARD music, mostly of the 17th century, brought **John Henry** and two harpsichords to the Purcell Room for a thoughtfully stimulating one-man programme. Henry is a figure of distinction in the teaching profession, and a keen advocate of 'wider dissemi*nation of Braille music for* blind artists such as himself.

Not that he had recourse to any such aid here. The music spoke generously for itself, especially when the cheerful opening *Trumpet Tune* from Purcell's *The Indian Queen* was followed by his Suite in C (*Musick's hand-made*); winsome and smoothly varied.

These, like a flowing account of Bach's A minor Partita (No 3), were cleanly articulated. For the two Scarlattis, Alessandro and Domenico, Henry moved to a smaller harpsichord, with a lighter but also pleasantly spicy tone which *gave added character to a* Toccata by Alessandro in *unfamiliar instrumental in*stead of vocal guise.

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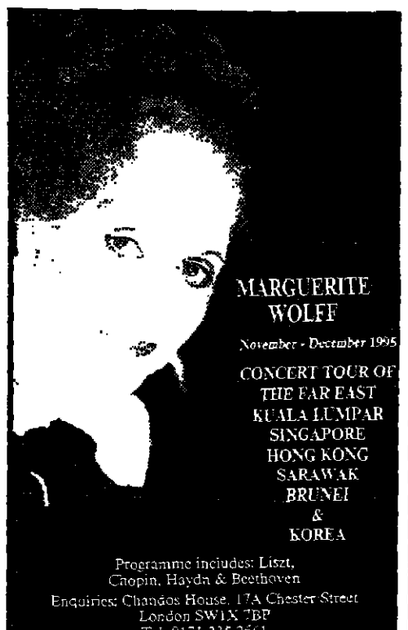
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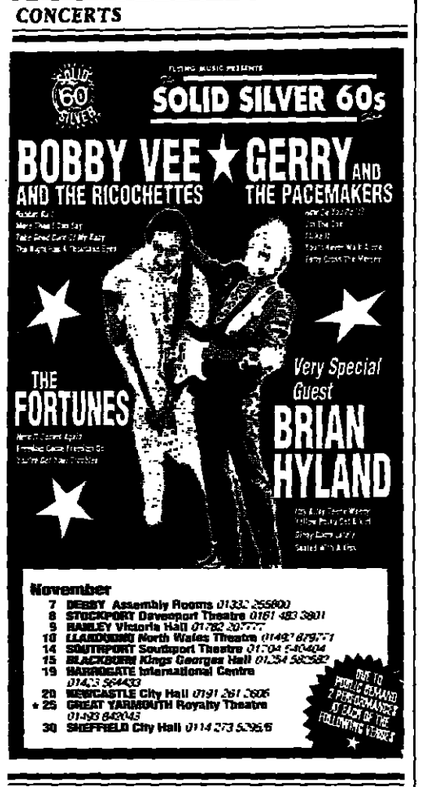
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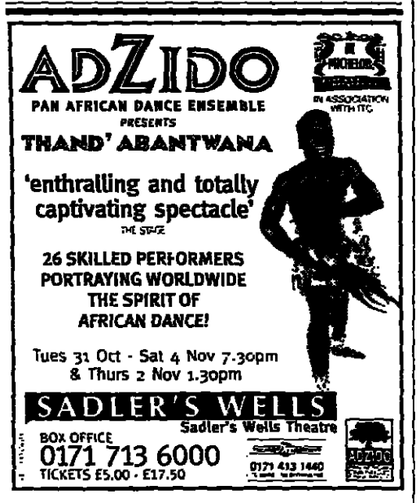
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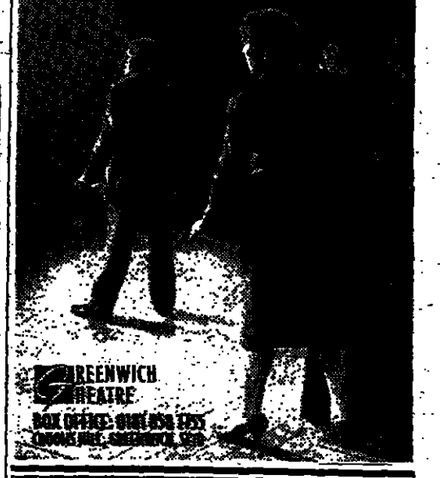
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Bodies and soul: John Kobal award winner Katrina Lithgow's *Sarah with daughters Izzy and Lily* and (right) runner-up Eva Sicinska-Turrell's *Self Portrait in Chris's Jacket*

Heads that tell tales

The John Kobal Photographic Portrait Award is now in its third year. It was founded to to encourage aspiring portrait photographers. John Kobal, who died in 1991, was an authority on cinema and portrait photography, and founded the Kobal Collection, an immense archive of film photographs. He once said that the best portraits should convey "an emotional empathy akin to that found in a bar of music, a line of poetry, or a canvas filled with colour."

The competition received 2,500 works from 1,100 photographers, and yet the judges decided to award the top prize to Katrina Lithgow's unexceptional *Sarah with daughters Izzy and Lily*. Maybe the judges let this rare glimpse of nudity colour their judgment, or perhaps they responded to the dreariness of it. It makes an unsuitable advertisement for many of the other entries now hanging in the National Portrait Gallery.

One of the most humourous portraits is Angus Mill's *Sarah*, which shows a woman in a white bathing cap and costume wading through a pond covered in irises and fried eggs. The effect is that of pre-Raphaelitism stumbling across a transport caff. Others, too, are amusing, but in a more poignant way. Bernard Mendoza's portrait shows an elderly subject flicking a V-sign in a bleak hospital corridor. She is, according to the caption, "Ann Von Tietzer Wallace — Poet Laureate, nuclear scientist, CIA agent, psychiatric patient".

Some of the finest portraits are simple headshots. An example from Asher Foyle's series *Cosmeticians* is a stark colour shot of a middle-aged woman with her eyebrows artificially arched, her hair immaculately permed, her make-up struggling to serve its purpose. Foyle says that the project was an exercise in "topographical portraiture", mapping both the natural and cultural landmarks on the face. It makes an almost frightening map.

The judges have been careful not to allow fame to override photographic substance, and John Stoddart's portrait of Martin Scorsese and Jill Furmanovsky's shot of Oasis deserve their inclusion. Barry Marsden's portrait of Alan Bates is striking too, but one suspects that the whites of his eyes have been made whiter. Nevertheless, Nick Cave's whites appear suitably rock-god bloodshot in Trevor Ray Hart's photograph.

It is fitting that none of the portraits on display will have Kobal spinning in his grave.

● The John Kobal Photographic Portrait Award Exhibition *is at the National Portrait Gallery until November 19, after which it travels to Bath, Edinburgh and Nottingham. The John Kobal Foundation is on 0171-497 8911.*

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament

BEVERLEY KNIGHT



Profession: Soul singer

Age: 22

Where can she be heard? Her single, *Flavour Of The Old School*, has been a staple in the clubs here and across Europe since coming out back in March. And on Monday her debut album *The B-Funk* is released by Dome.

What has she done before? A degree in religious studies and the performing arts at the Cheltenham and Gloucester College of Higher Education. Knight has just finished the three-year course there.

Has the church been influential in her music? "Not only in my music, but in my life as a whole. Because of the kind of family I was born into [she is the second of three children raised in Wolverhampton], it's been part and parcel of everything I've done. But I wanted to go out clubbing as well as to sing in church the following day. I wanted to listen to my Prince records as loud as I could."

What's so special about *The B-Funk* then? Critics say it is one of the first British releases able to compete equally with the best that the American R&B scene has to offer, partly because of its big, fat and highly polished production values. Knight is a sweet, old-fashioned thing, though: "A lot of American music is about wicked grooves and no discernible melody or lyric. I'm about strong tunes and strong words, something that Joe Bloggs can whistle to himself as he's walking down the street."

Influences? She listens to white as well as black sounds — U2, REM and Suzanne Vega, as well as The Artist Formerly Known As Prince. "I'm not saying that they've had a definite impression on my sound, but they're certainly part of the person making the music. And then there are the great vocalists: Aretha, Whitney . . . "

What are they listening to up in Wolverhampton meanwhile? "Things are very open musically. R&B and soul are always in, but a ragga element has to be mixed in there — ragga is king in the West Midlands. There aren't a lot of great places to hear music there, though. You need to hop in a car and head for Birmingham or the North."

What's next? Knight expects to be promoting her record throughout Europe and in South Africa, Japan and Australia. "And maybe we'll even take on the big boy, America. Who knows what might happen? I went into Prince's NPG shop in Camden the other day and bought a few things, and the assistant said, 'Why don't you send him a copy of your album, 'cause I'm sure he'd listen to it?' So maybe I will."

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BASE NOTES

BIG musicals and even circuses could follow the **Royal Opera** and the **Royal Ballet** into a new theatre that will be purpose-built on the south bank of the Thames. The Tower Bridge Theatre will house the Royal Opera House companies during the two-year closure of their Covent Garden home. The new theatre will have 2,350 seats and a stage area larger than that currently available at the Opera House.

The Royal Opera House will be the first tenant, moving in in autumn 1997 for two years while Covent Garden is redeveloped. After that the theatre will be available for use by other promoters. "We *are in discussions with a* number of other parties," said Colin Compton, executive director of Greater London Enterprise Properties.

Subject to planning consent — which is expected — the new theatre, designed by Ian Ritchie Architects, will be financed and built by a development consortium led by GLE on a site at the southwest corner of Tower Bridge, now a car park. The estimated building costs — £20 million — will be privately financed. Construction is expected to begin in January.

● A CASH crisis is forcing the **London Philharmonic** to cancel some of its concerts in London this season, in an effort to save money. Last night, the orchestra's scheduled Festival Hall appearance, in a programme of ballet classics, was called off. The LPO's November 5 concert (with guest conductor Herbert Blomstedt) will not now go ahead; neither will one on November 22 featuring Franz Welser-Möst conducting Messiaean's *Turangalila Symphony*. The February 4 *Jazz Meets the Symphony*, with Lalo Schifrin, has been rescheduled to next season. "We had to do this in order to prepare for next season, when, we hope, the situation will look a little better," explained an LPO spokeswoman.

● *ACTORS* **Robson Green** *and* **Jerome Flynn** *have become Britain's highest-selling singles act of the 1990s. Boosted by its exposure in the ITV series* Soldier, Soldier, *their double A-side of* Unchained Melody *and* The White Cliffs of Dover *has now sold more than 1.82 million copies. A follow-up single, a revival of the Bachelors' 1964 hit* I Believe, *is out next week and seems certain to become the duo's second chart-topper, with prerelease orders already standing at 600,000 copies.*

● *PETER HALL has little* more than a month to find his Blanche Du Bois, if he is to begin rehearsals for a new production of Tennessee Williams's *A Streetcar Named Desire*, which is to open at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket early in the new year. **Juliet Stevenson** and **Miranda Richardson** are among those who have so far said no, while Broadway's recent Blanche, **Jessica Lange**, is unwilling to *commit to a London run of* more than a month. About all that is set is **Toby Stephens** as Stanley Kowalski.

● *THE tenor* **Roberto Alagna** *will turn the first sod on Monday to mark the commencement of a building project which will house EMI's 98-year archive. The £4.5 million scheme includes a new custom-designed, 30,000 sq ft building in Hayes, west London. The new archive will house all EMI Records' audio and video master tapes, its photographic library, record collection, company papers and museum. EMI's connection with Hayes dates back to 1906 when the company first purchased land to build a record factory. The original sod-turning ceremony was performed in 1907 by the English tenor* **Edward Lloyd**, *using a specially made silver spade. Alagna will use the same spade.*

● THE **Royal Court Theatre** may be the happy recipient of £15.8 million in lottery money to carry out much-needed structural work. But the theatre does not have enough money to realise another of its ambitions — having a London Underground station named after it. The theatre flirted with the idea of having the Sloane Square Tube stop renamed Royal Court, but was told by the managing director of London Underground that the change would cost £10 million. "That's not a justifiable usage of public funds," says Stephen Daldry, artistic director of the Court, "or of lottery money."

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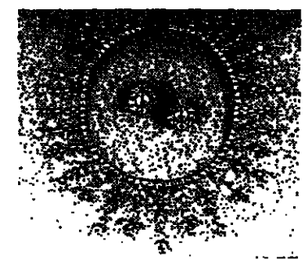
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Flight of the Tory men

Julian Critchley on what is wrong with the Conservative Party

At the time of the Conservative Party conference I wrote a stiff letter to the Editor complaining bitterly about Michael Portillo's vulgar and chauvinistic conference speech. The letter was duly printed (along with many others of the same kind) and, in turn, I received several letters in reply. One, written in an educated hand, concluded by asking, "What in God's name has gone wrong with the Tory party?" I think the question is worth a reply.

I offer three generalisations in reply to my correspondent: the seduction of Margaret Thatcher by the free-market Right; the tendency of the Conservative Party to prefer mediocrity; and the departure of the educated classes from the constituency associations.

Let me try to deal with them one by one. Mrs Thatcher was, when she won the party leadership, a traditional right-winger of strong will and intensity of purpose. She was promptly seduced by a combination of the Chicago School of Economic Theory — the now discredited Milton Friedman — and the far Right of British politics, typified by Alfred Sherman, a one-time Marxist machine-gunner who took part in the Spanish civil war. Sherman's influence did not last, but it was replaced by a variety of "think-tanks" led by Lord Harris and others who idolised the Tory party. Enoch Powell, although no respecter of Thatcher's intellect, played his somewhat sinister part. The far Right, for so long excluded from the mainstream of Conservative thought, in alliance with the nationalist element, used Thatcher to grab power for itself, and its fortunes waxed and waned with those of its patronne.

My second point is that the Conservative Party always plays it safe. Bonar Law was preferred to Balfour, Baldwin was preferred to Curzon, and Chamberlain to Churchill. Had it not been for Neville's disastrous conduct of the war, and the insistence of the Labour Party, Halifax would have been preferred to Churchill. The Churchill inheritance lasted until Ted Heath's second defeat in the autumn election of 1974.

In November 1980, when Thatcher was finally got rid of, the greybeards of the party "invented" John Major (about whom nothing was known) rather than elect either Geoffrey Howe or Michael Heseltine who was then, as he is today, "clearly the biggest beast in the Tory jungle". The quotation belongs to Anthony Howard, a Labour sympathiser. Despite winning the 1992 election against the odds, Major has had an unhappy ride, held in contempt by the Euro-sceptic wing of the party which refuses to give the Old Girl a decent burial. Our divisions have been largely responsible for the Government's unpopularity.

My third point is as important as the first two. The upper classes have long deserted politics, abandoning even service on the county councils where once they ruled. Constituency associations have always been dominated by women, a factor that has become more important as the educated upper-middle class, both men and women, has washed its hands of the everyday business of politicking: the licking of envelopes, the knocking on doors, standing for the council and, most important of all, the choosing of the candidate.

We are left with a position in which the majority of those who serve on the selection committees of Tory associations have never picked anyone for anything in their lives.

I cannot assert that the quality of candidates-to-be on the Central Office list has fallen, but what is becoming increasingly plain is the change of character that is taking place among Conservative MPs. The ballast is now made up of bounders, whose prime objective seems to be the making of money via public relations, and whose hostility towards Lord Nolan (about whose task we should feel shame) and his recommendations, tell us all we care to know.

As a result we are now a fragmented party, factionalised, way behind in the polls, faced with a popular newly-elected Labour leader, sniped at by lords Tebbit and Parkinson from their seats in the Lords, retreating to the tune of *No Turning Back* (words by Bill Cash, music by Alastair McAlpine, vocalist Sir George Gardiner), a combination of the defeated and disillusioned whose death-wish could well lose the party the election. These are, for what they are worth, the three principal reasons I have offered my correspondent.

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How Child B fought cancer with courage

Jaymee Bowen's will to live is an inspiration. She has shown us all that hope really counts, says **Matthew d'Ancona**

Of course she knows. After Thursday's brilliant *Panorama* on Child B, the leukaemia patient denied treatment by the NHS, can anyone seriously doubt that Jaymee Bowen knows perfectly well how sick she is, how important she has become, and how recklessly the dice of fate have rumbled through her short life?

The adults around her maintain that she little suspects how close to death she has been. I doubt that very much. They say she believes the BBC documentary-makers were merely filming the experimental treatment which, miraculously, has secured her improved health. The wise eyes of this 11-year-old told a different tale.

Cancer specialists say that children often realise long before their parents and doctors how sick they are. I believe it is this deep intuition that has enabled Jaymee Bowen to show such awe-inspiring courage in the face of terrible adversity. "I would have gone to court," she said "and stood and said 'no matter what it takes I am going to go through this and I'm going to get better'." She would rather go "through more suffering to live than not go through anything and die". This is the defiant voice of a child who has heard the wings of the angel of death and is not yet ready to be carried off.

There are two ways to respond to a case such as this. The first is to consider it in the cool light of political and ethical analysis, as a parable of welfare morality in our times. The Child B story has already generated a lively debate on the rationing of health care, the split between purchaser and provider in the NHS and the future of experimental treatment. These are vitally important issues and it is good that this documentary has encouraged their discussion. Jaymee Bowen's testimony may be a much-read footnote in the history of the health service.



Jaymee: she has heard the wings of the angel of death

Yet this was not the most powerful impression left by Thursday's programme.

Through the moral fog — the claims and counter-claims of nervous experts called to account for their actions — shone a simple and inspiring humanity. It is easy to debate hard cases, much harder to live them. This Jaymee has done with a degree of dignity that is genuinely uplifting to behold. "I say never give up hope unless you are just on the last little drop of life you have in you. Never give up. Because if you give up you will end up with nothing left." These are rich, rare words from an 11-year-old. They command our attention.

"Hope" is a word used too often and too lightly (remember its schmaltzy recurrence in President Clinton's election campaign). It refers to a sensation less common than we like to believe. Pope was wrong: hope does not spring eternal in most human breasts. Thoreau came closer to the regrettable truth when he wrote that "the mass of men lead lives of quiet desperation".

The wish to be hopeful, to see something better ahead, is innate to the human condition. The capacity to be hopeful is not. It is hard work, an acquired skill. It requires a strong will to look beyond the empirical to the remotely possible. Jaymee Bowen's call to those in despair is not a call for self-deception, but the opposite. Her courage is rooted in realism and a refusal to submit to euphoria or abject terror. When her father cut her hair off for the fourth time in anticipation of the effects of chemotherapy, she told him to "get on with it". When she awoke to discover she was in remission, she declared it "no big deal". She challenges those who are suffering to confront the full trauma of their predicament and still come out fighting.

We diminish the value of real hope and courage by seeing them everywhere. In today's tabloid language, every sick child is said to be "tragic", "courageous" or "a beacon of hope" when most are just sad, scared and lonely, anxious to be well rather than to "touch the nation's heart". Too often, suffering children are turned into symbols of something else. Something of the kind happened to Irma Hadzimuratovic, the wretchedly injured five-year-old who was airlifted out of Sarajevo in 1993 and who later died. The West indulged itself by treating her as an emblem of Bosnia's plight; but the indulgence changed nothing. It is a terrible truth about most suffering that it is just suffering.

Sentimentalising pain does not dignify it; quite the opposite, in fact. But there is no need to be sentimental about Jaymee Bowen, as this week's film showed. She makes it easy for us by being so straightforward herself about the mountain whose foothills she has just cleared. Through that honesty she may even have spread a little of the hope that, in her case, was so hard-won.

The crisis of French civilisation

The solution to France's social unrest is to break the silence which threatens democracy, argues **Theodore Zeldin**



Bombs on the Paris Metro raised the issue of youth alienation and how France should proceed in facing Islam

What message are the convulsions in France sending us? The 24-year-old terrorist who exploded bombs in the Paris Metro has been shot dead by the police. Khaled Kelkal's testament (an interview given before he went underground) will echo around the world as a sort of manifesto against silence, expressing the anguish of all those who cannot bear to find that when they speak they are ignored, as though their words are inaudible.

Kelkal became a terrorist because wherever he went he was confronted by silence. His secondary school was too large, too impersonal; his teachers hardly spoke to him. At the labour exchange, the clerks did not seem to hear him when he described his ambitions. He visited the town hall three times, but the mayor was always too busy doing something else, supposedly more important. His conclusion was that society had no place for him.

This is not just a French story. The crisis in France is universal. Last month, the Demos think-tank published its findings that over half of the young people in this country too feel disconnected from the world of their elders. Kelkal's experience is almost identical with that of the black American journalist Nathan McCall of Portsmouth, Virginia, whose lucid memoirs (*Makes Me Wanna Holler*) show how he became an armed criminal at the age of 15 and reveal that he never had a friendly conversation with a white man until he was in his thirties. Both men sought comfort in Islam when they were in prison because they believed the Western world which claimed to have a Christian heritage was deaf to their demand for respect.

France is a rich country, and the collapse of communication which it is experiencing is of importance to every country that is trying to become rich. A combination of cultural, technological and economic prosperity has produced a way of life that is extremely comfortable for the majority, and yet nobody in France is saying, "Let us leave things as they are". Every candidate at the last presidential election demanded a more or less drastic overhaul of institutions and attitudes. Moreover, France is not as different from its neighbours as its chauvinist rhetoric suggests. Its culture is essentially synthetic, bringing together many foreign and regional influences. It is a mirror in which all Westerners can see themselves: a mirror which enables them to observe more clearly four major miscalculations which are bringing the present era of our civilisation to an end.

Being rich, France created a five-star version of the welfare state, combining the ideas of Bismarck and Beveridge, but going beyond them. It spends more than any other European nation on health: its doctors prescribe four times more medicines than British ones and six times more than German ones; it has virtually issued a declaration of the rights of hypochondriacs. Some 538 different insurance schemes cater for every special interest but still, all this does not satisfy. Now the social security system has gone bankrupt, without having abolished poverty.

The financial deficit is not as momentous as the human deficit. The welfare state turned out to be cold — deliberately impersonal so as to avoid favouritism; monetary compensations proved an inadequate consolation for distress. The haves and the have-nots did not learn to speak to each other. So France is spending this October in a national debate about what it should do, a debate which is worth listening to. The danger is that it will try simply to patch up the mess. With luck this will prove impossible, and France will be forced to transform insurance into an instrument of democracy, a way of bringing people together.

> France created a five-star welfare state — and a nation of hypochondriacs

Modern Western civilisation rests, secondly, on the promise of unprecedented opportunities for the young, which is likewise not being fulfilled. The unexpected result of mass education is that the young do not want the boring jobs invented by previous generations, which have to be performed in silence. This means that new kinds of work have to be invented to suit the individual's more complex aspirations rather than simply to produce goods. A small minority is doing just that.

However, many among the young remain underprivileged. French pensioners have prospered more than any other group in the past few decades.

Thirdly, the secular faith which has inspired the last two centuries, that ambition should focus on rising up the social scale and that imitating the manners of one's superiors is the road to salvation, has become less convincing. Balzac is no longer a guide to life. Politeness — which the French used to vaunt as the supreme virtue — did diminish friction, but nonetheless the friction remained. An expanded ideal of hospitality has thus become a necessary supplement to politeness, meaning not just the shared meal, but openness to what is unfamiliar. The top priority in French people's list of unfulfilled wishes is not more money, nor more sex, but the opportunity to travel and to get to know strangers. Adenauer and de Gaulle's joint venture to eliminate the ancient animosity between their two countries was a pioneer example of this new kind of hospitality, although it had limited results. The animosity has gone, but the two nations remain largely inhospitable to one another's cultures. The most admired man in France today is Abbé Pierre, who works for the homeless and who expresses this growing urge to move beyond self-absorption, even if vast numbers still walk tongue-tied past beggars in the street.

It is a mistake to see the French as obsessed by a desire to be dominant in Europe. Only 18 per cent are concerned about being a major power. They would prefer to be intermediaries between Europe and the rest of the world. M Chirac has studied Sanskrit and Russian, M Giscard Chinese. As many as 17 per cent of French books are translations from foreign languages (compared to 3 per cent of British books). The gravity of the present immigrant problem needs to be seen against a background of rioting in the 19th century against Italian and Belgian immigrants, whose descendants are now entirely accepted. The belief that Algerians will never become truly French because they are Muslims ignores the fact that the same was once said about France's Jews. If France has a mission today, it is to act as the bridge between Islam and the West, to prevent the war that will come if the curtain of silence between these two civilisations is not opened very soon.

Finally, the unexpected discovery of modern democracy has been that governments can change their countries less than was believed (so their disappointments are predictable) and that women have different ideas about what needs to be changed. The main source of change today is the new way men and women are beginning to talk to one another, slowly learning how people can respect each other. In the 18th century, French women were pioneers in developing the art of conversation, recognising that true equality was impossible so long as the reign of rhetoric and monologue continued. France's nuclear explosions are an example of the refusal to listen to what others say. But the French are not deaf. There are many signs that the demand for intelligent discussion will not be quashed by the taste for empty verbiage. Men and women are set to talk increasingly about how to make life a little less pathetic, about how to end the tragic silences that divide us.

Theodore Zeldin is the author of An Intimate History of Humanity *(Minerva £7.99)*

Sent down

SOME OF the country's finest undergraduates may soon find themselves in the jug. St Peter's College in Oxford has approached the local council with a view to turning Oxford Prison into student accommodation.

The Prison Service has announced that it plans to close the prison next year. And, given the shortage of student bedsits, the prisoners' cells look capacious.

"The amazing thing is that the actual size of the cells is one square foot larger than the present regulations for student accommodation," says Dr John Barron, Master of St Peter's. "We have done feasibility studies and have worked out that three cells would turn into two very large student rooms."

Alongside proposals from the college to turn the prison into student digs, there are plans to turn some of the historic site into a museum.

DIARY

● *The broadcaster Greg Dyke was ill-prepared for his company's victory in the battle for the new TV station Channel 5. Just two bottles of champers at his West End office gave staff a thimbleful each.*

Step aside

THE TALK of Judge Stephen Tumim's farewell party on his retirement as Chief Inspector of Prisons was the manner in which Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, studiously avoided Derek Lewis, who he sacked as Director-General of the Prison Service.

On his arrival, Howard dispatched a henchman to establish where Lewis was standing and then sidestepped Lewis's every move. Lewis took up position at the exit, where a confrontation seemed inevitable. But Howard slipped out of a side-door.

Howard's way

SIMON HOWARD, the owner of Castle Howard, is being forced to sell off some of his greatest treasures to save the house in North Yorkshire made famous by the television series *Brideshead Revisited*. He is selling eight sculptures, which should raise £1 million. "It was a difficult decision," says Howard.

● *My report yesterday that Manfred Rommel has been appointed by Helmut Kohl to oversee Franco-German relations met with a mixed reaction. Not least because I reported that his father the Field Marshall had been imprisoned by the French in 1945. It was, of course, Manfred who was a prisoner of war.*



"It's simple — you appoint a deputy Prime Minister"

Dog's life

MAJA FLICK, the divorcee who can't afford life with just £9 million in the bank, could do worse than spend a few pounds on new fencing round the paddocks at Parkside House, her new acquisition on the fringes of Windsor Great Park.

Mrs Flick owns the world's most expensive labrador (she says he costs her £4,000-a-year to keep) as well as three Shetland ponies on which her children are learning to ride. Neighbours complain that they are continually escaping.

Ice maiden

AT THE CHAMPAGNE launch of her son's new range of trinket boxes for gentlemen (the 1995 Alfred Dunhill) on Thursday night, Princess Margaret was notable not only for her delicious peach dress. Other than the host of the occasion, Mr Richard Dunhill, she was the only guest drinking whisky. "It just happens," she explained airily.

An attentive waiter elaborated: "It's always the same — Highland Spring, two ice cubes and the Famous Grouse," he said. "And heaven forbid if the ice melts. I've already had to discard two glasses." Her Royal Highness disposed of two stern measures.



Princess Margaret and Lord Snowdon: she has a spring in her step

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RUSSIAN SICKBED

A political vacuum in the Kremlin is a serious matter

Even before Boris Yeltsin was rushed to Moscow's Central Clinic, the political atmosphere in Russia was charged with pre-electoral electricity. The news that his heart trouble is more serious than at first admitted, and will keep him out of action for at least a month compounds the gloom. However much people claim to be too busy making ends meet to worry about such matters, a political vacuum in the Kremlin is a serious matter. The public's anxiety is matched only by the scepticism with which ordinary Russians, remembering how long it was before they were told the truth about Mr Yeltsin's first bout of heart trouble last July, analyse each fresh medical bulletin.

At first glance, this nervous reaction to the President's illness may seem odd, given his low standing in opinion polls. For months now, Mr Yeltsin's political chart has been as unhealthy as his electrocardiograms. Many voters are so fed up with the economic reforms with which he is ineradicably associated that the Communists and their allies expect to make large gains in next month's elections to the State Duma. Few Russians support his foreign policies, which are daily denounced by nationalist politicians for selling Russian power short. It is Mr Yeltsin's political allies, the architects of these same policies, who are expected to suffer electorally as a result of his renewed incapacity. Why then is this such bad news?

The answer is that Mr Yeltsin's importance to Russia continues to be greater than the sum of these political calculations. The Soviet-era cult of personality may no longer exist, but the fear of weak leadership remains. Russia has never been the sort of country to be run successfully from hospital. The official assurances that there is no cause for alarm are so insistent precisely because alarm is easily aroused in a country which has a vivid folk-memory of power struggles at the top. Tuesday's summit meeting in Moscow of the Bosnian, Serb and Croatian presidents has had to be cancelled: no one, evidently, is considered able to deputise for Mr Yeltsin. That says much about the highly personalised system of government in Russia, even after the constitutional reforms of 1993. Underlying the public debate about the President's health is an instinctive, less than clearly articulated sense that Russia could be a more unstable and possibly a less prosperous place without his leadership.

To Western eyes, leadership may sound much too grand a description of Mr Yeltsin's recent conduct in office. It is hard to say which is more worrying, his long unexplained absences or the rush of often contradictory decisions that follows them. Always an impulsive politician, Mr Yeltsin has become disturbingly unpredictable: witness his abrupt announcement on the eve of last week's impoitant trip to Paris and New York that he intended to sack Andrei Kozyrev, his Foreign Minister — and his jaunty, almost casual suggestion at Moscow airport the very next day that for now at least, he had changed his mind. Viktor Chernomyrdin, his Prime Minister, had almost as uncomfortable a week. He can hardly have been delighted by the President's budget-breaking promise to pay overdue pensions and wages, just when the Government was preparing to sit down to negotiate an all-important three-year loan with the International Monetary Fund.

The fact remains that despite increasingly sharp mood swings and his always sketchy grasp of economics, Mr Yeltsin's instinct for political survival is indispensable to the reformers in the Government. They are trying to hold the tiller firm through the elections. It is extremely important that they succeed, because reform is working. The economy is at last stabilising, monthly inflation is at its lowest for three years, industrial production has stopped falling and although corruption and fraud are rife, private markets for goods and capital are flourishing. A return to hyper-inflation would arouse enormous public anger. To get across the message that this is just what Communist promises to increase state subsidies and renationalise industries would mean, and to convince voters that this is no time to reverse course, Mr Yeltsin is needed on the hustings well before the December 17 vote. Drunk he may be much of the time, but Boris Nikolayevich is still Lord of Russia.

SHARING BLAME FOR FAILURE

Parental pressure alone cannot improve schools

There is increasing recrimination between parents and teachers over who is responsible for poor educational performance. Teachers in failing inner-city schools often accuse local parents of sending them children so far behind in their intellectual development as to be unteachable. Parents blame teachers for not stretching their children or for failing to enforce discipline.

Into this acrimonious atmosphere has stepped Mr David Blunkett. The Shadow Education spokesman has announced that, under a Labour government, all children from primary age upwards would be expected to do homework. This statement is clearly meant to show that Labour holds both home and school responsible for improving educational standards. Labour has made it clear, however, that it would be impossible to legislate on this matter.

What Mr Blunkett recommends is that parents put pressure on teachers to set homework and to mark it properly. Since the responsibility for demanding homework is to be left to them anyway, parents may wonder what the election of a Labour government would add to this effort. Mr Blunkett does say that Labour would insist that the Office for Standards in Education place more importance on homework policies when inspecting schools. But Ofsted already regards the amount and quality of homework as an important aspect of school assessment.

Parents alarmed by falling educational standards are unlikely to see Mr Blunkett's suggestion as helpful. Many of those who feel that schools do not put enough emphasis on academic achievement know that they have already been branded as "pushy" or difficult parents. They would fear that pressing a demand for more homework could be seen by teachers as a criticism of their professional competence.

Most parents are loath to make complaints for fear that they will rebound on their own children. Research carried out at the University of East Anglia shows that parents are made anxious by meeting their children's teachers on parents' evenings because they fear teachers' judgments of them will affect their child's treatment at school. Expecting them to enforce homework standards is neither fair nor appropriate.

On the other hand, teachers who are struggling against parental apathy in inner-city schools may well see Mr Blunkett's proposal as out of touch with the conditions in which they work. To them, the prospect of persuading parents to forbid television and supervise homework will appear unrealistic. The sensitivity of the teaching profession on this issue was made immediately clear by Mr Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers. He condemned Mr Blunkett for "pushing Tory ideas" and said that teachers could not enforce homework rules "if they tried" — which rather begs the question of whether or not they have tried.

The amount of time Mr Blunkett advises for homework — thirty minutes at primary level and ninety at secondary — would be regarded as derisory in academically ambitious schools. That it should be a matter for controversy in the state system shows how wide the gulf has become between the best and worst schools in the country.

THE SOWETO OVAL

Cricket, England and Mandela come to the township

England's cricket tour of South Africa, imbued already with special meaning, came alive yesterday in Soweto. The sprawling township, where the most bitter episodes of violence were enacted in the years before political change, played host yesterday to a first-class match between Michael Atherton's men and an Invitation XI. The pitch, by close of play, betrayed the naive imperfection of a strip losing its virginity — its erratic bounce gave a South African bowler a flattering hat-trick — but the innings of the day was played by the man who spent a disagreeably long time waiting to bat in the Robben Island "pavilion".

Nelson Mandela is now the acknowledged grand vizier of the sports card. He was being a touch too modest, perhaps, when he declared at the Soweto Oval yesterday that "sport speaks a language far beyond the reach of politicians"; for if there is one politician who has understood the political power and potential of sport, it is the South African President. And if there is one country where competitive games have acquired the status — and the allure — of a national obsession, it is South Africa. That is why the sports boycott, whatever its rights or wrongs, bit the old South Africa with teeth so sharp. And that is why Mr Mandela, as astute as he is grey-haired, has wasted no opportunity to mix sport and politics.

Who can forget that fervent afternoon in June: South Africa, against the expectations of most observers, had soundly beaten Jonah Lomu and his All Black *haka*-mates. As Mr Mandela presented the William Webb Ellis trophy to Francois Pienaar, the largely white crowd bayed out its own emotional salute: "Nelson, Nelson, Nelson", they roared, acknowledging the old man in a number six Springbok jersey and jaunty green baseball cap. Mr Mandela was aware then — as he is aware now — of sport's ability to integrate people.

The mood at the Soweto Oval yesterday was more under-stated: it was not an international match, after all. But by his presence at the game, his meeting with each player, and his perambulation around the ground's boundary, Mr Mandela was again inviting his country's blacks to support another "white man's game", South African cricket has not yet got its Chester Williams: Geoffrey Toyana and Lulama Masikazana are not quite Test match quality. But come the first Test in a few weeks' time and there could be at least one black South African in white flannels and his team's Protea cap — Nelson Mandela, of course.

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Church of England traditionalists still have a voice

From the Bishop of Ebbsfleet

Sir, The emotive headline to your report of October 25, "Synod ballot routs church traditionalists", over-simplifies what has happened in the recent General Synod elections.

The substantial reduction in the number of traditionalist candidates returned to the new General Synod was inevitable in view of the number of both clergy and laity who have left the Church of England in the last two years.

Nevertheless, in dioceses as widely differing in their nature as Chichester, Derby, Exeter and Lichfield, traditionalist candidates, either clerical or lay, and in some cases both, polled a substantial number of first-preference votes under the system of proportional representation, and were amongst the first to be declared returned. These results make it clear that in large parts of the country there remains, and will remain, a large body of traditionalist opinion, both clerical and lay, that is determined to play a full part in the life of the Church of England.

As your report suggests, life in the General Synod is not the same as life in the Church of England as a whole. In the course of this week I have held two meetings, one in the West Country and one in the West Midlands, with traditionalist leaders from the various dioceses in these areas to plan my programme for 1996. Those attending these meetings were buoyant, positive, and determined in their approach to Church life.

They are looking to me to provide them with a very full programme of events for next year, and the Church of England can rest assured that they are deeply concerned that its comprehensive nature should be preserved.

Yours faithfully,
†JOHN EBBSFLEET,
The Rectory,
Church Leigh,
Leigh, Stoke-on-Trent.
October 26.

From Mr Mark Birchall

Sir, Your report assumes an uncanny and unlikely degree of insight into the characters of some 200 newly elected members of General Synod. The dioceses of London and Southwark, where the liberal voice is loud, are far from typical of the Church of England.

There are certainly more Evangelicals in the new Synod. But there is also a significant number of new members who are neither Evangelical nor Anglo-Catholic, but who would not wish to be labelled "liberal" either. These people represent the solid, traditional "middle-of-the-road" core of the Church of England. They will not want to see the boat they love being rocked too violently in the areas of morality, doctrine or worship.

Yours sincerely,
MARK BIRCHALL
(Chairman of the Evangelical Group in General Synod),
3 Melrose Road, SW18.
October 25.

From the Canon Steward of Westminster Abbey

Sir, Your headline today may suggest to the unsuspecting that the Catholic presence in the new Synod will be diminished. This is not the case. Despite the difficulty in making an instant assessment of the results one thing is clear, that "Catholicism" can no longer be synonymous with reactionary thinking.

Catholicism is alive and well in the Church of England, and among those who are supporters of Affirming Catholicism — a body of Catholic radicals formed five years ago — there are a number who would describe themselves as conservative or even traditionalist. What distinguishes them is that they do not write-off or decry as "liberal" any who fail to agree with their views as being unorthodox or plain wrong and further, they are open to the possibilities of change and development, ever the signs of a Living Faith.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID HUTT,
5 Little Cloisters, SW1.
October 26.

From the Reverend Canon Jim Wellington

Sir, Today's report should provide much food for thought for all who care for the wellbeing of the Catholic movement within the Church of England, and indeed for the wellbeing of the national Church itself.

The harsh reality facing Catholic Anglicans is that we cannot expect or even hope to exercise much in the way of further influence in the Church unless and until we are prepared corporately to come to terms with the sea-change which has taken place since the admission of women to the priesthood.

It was always quite inconceivable that the voters in the recent elections would return significant numbers of candidates unable to accept what has happened. The consequent marginalisation of Anglican Catholicism within the General Synod is as predictable as it is disturbing.

What is now required from the Catholic movement is the courage to engage in a massive re-think on its implacable hostility to women priests. This requires from its leaders a statesmanship which has so far been lacking. We must learn from the present debacle. We have much to offer to the future development of Anglicanism: we cannot do this without adequate representation on the body which makes so many important decisions in charting that development.

Yours faithfully,
JIM WELLINGTON,
St Cuthbert's Vicarage,
Church Road, Great Glen, Leicester.
October 25.

From the Bishop of Sodor and Man

Sir, Where does Miss Gledhill dig up her "church leaders" who make such extraordinary remarks?

If I have any feelings at all resulting from the headline of her report, they are that the battle for standards continues. Many of us in the General Synod will express our concerns against the so-called gay and lesbian lobby, lay presidency, scriptural disregard, and a weakening of the marriage bond.

Above all, we will want to voice our protest at that strange phenomenon displayed by many church liberals — the inability to permit anyone else to hold an opposing view!

Yours faithfully,
†NOËL SODOR AND MAN,
Bishop's House,
Quarterbridge Road,
Douglas, Isle of Man.
October 26.

Did Marco Polo make it all up?

From Dr Allan Jackson

Sir, Dr Frances Wood is a distinguished authority on China, and I look forward to reading her book. *Did Marco Polo go to China?* (report, October 20). However, I cannot believe that anyone could have read Polo's works and failed to conclude that they reek of fiction.

Chinese historical documentation is unrivalled: millions of events and personages are recorded in close detail. It is inconceivable for Polo's sojourn (especially as a supposed city governor) not to have been related.

Additionally, as Dr Wood correctly asserts, no overland traveller to China could have failed to mention the Great Wall, nor could anyone resident for any period of time have overlooked the centrality of tea-drinking in all cultured social intercourse.

The Marco Polo story is part of the Eurocentric mish-mash with which British children have been indoctrinated for over a century in the name of history. Why must we persist in making children believe that Europeans "discovered" the world?

I never cease to be amazed by our detailed concentration on Polo, Cabot, Magellan and all the others, and our ignoring of the seven major voyages (1405-33) of Zheng He (Cheng Ho) to East Africa, Arabia and South-East Asia, in huge fleets of ships three times larger than da Gama's.

Yours faithfully,
ALLAN JACKSON,
14 Latimer Lane,
Guisborough, Cleveland.
October 20.

From Professor John Carswell

Sir, I was amazed to read that Marco Polo never went to China and that he made no mention of porcelain.

Marco Polo has always been credited not only with a lengthy description of porcelain, its unique qualities and where it was made, but also for introducing the very word and its variants into many European languages.

When he was languishing in Genoa with his fellow-prisoner Rustichello and dictating his travels, the word he actually used was *porcellana*. It referred to the cowry shells (*Cypraea moneta*) which Polo encountered in China and which had been used since time immemorial as small change throughout South-East Asia.

Polo also used it to describe the distinctive pottery he saw in Canton (Quanzhou), which had the same shell-like properties. Indeed, he was the first person to notice the shell-like quality of porcelain, an analogy which led later Renaissance scholars to conclude, mistakenly, that it was actually made of crushed shells.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN CARSWELL,
3e Carlisle Place, SW1.
October 20.

From Ms Sharada Srinivasan

Sir, Marco Polo claimed to have travelled to south India en route to China, and he chronicles the rule of a queen, Rudramba, in present-day Andhra Pradesh. He noted her discretion, and the fact that the finest diamonds were said to come from her kingdom.

Inscriptional records in southern India confirm the fact that Queen Rudramba, of the Hindu Kakatiya dynasty, ruled between 1262 and 1296 in Andhra Pradesh, which has been long fabled for its diamonds. So, in this instance, there appears to be a ring of truth in Marco Polo's oriental accounts.

Yours sincerely,
SHARADA SRINIVASAN,
Flat 7,
72 Fordwych Road, NW2.
October 24.

Practical research

From Professor Jonathan Seville and others

Sir, It ill becomes a serious national newspaper to poke fun at a serious scientific study in an area of crucial importance to the UK economy, however tempting the target ("Scientists spend £200,000 on the crunch question", October 18).

The work of Georget, Parker and Smith on the properties of breakfast cereals is aimed at understanding the links between scientifically measurable quantities such as force and movement and those difficult-to-measure but crucial factors which add up to the consumers' "sensory perception" — in this case, "texture" and "bite".

Increasing our understanding of these links is the key to increasing the responsiveness of industry to customer demand — to put it another way, it is about making things people want to buy and doing it more efficiently.

Your Science Editor may scoff, but the food industry is the largest industry in the UK, worth £43 billion a year and contributing £7.5 billion a year to export earnings. Nobel Prize-winning physicists are great to have, but who, except the researchers themselves, has ever earned their daily cornflakes from quarks? It's the "Ig Nobel" physics prizewinner, Georget, et al, who keep our bread buttered.

Yours,
JONATHAN SEVILLE
(Editor in Chief, *Powder Technology*),
ROLAND CLIFT
(Editor in Chief, *Powder Technology*, 1988-95),
PETER FRYER,
c/o The University of Birmingham,
School of Chemical Engineering,
Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TT.
October 20.

Over the rainbow

From Mr Rod Watson

Sir, We have toads in our garden which used to be "toad coloured", ie black, brown, or dark green. Now they are fluorescent orange or bright yellow.

I have not used chemicals on the garden, do not take drugs and drink only moderately. I have also checked my seven-year-old daughter's paintbox to ensure that the toads had not been "face painted".

Are these New Age post-greenhouse amphibians or what ("Not only humans become pink and snappy in the sun", August 12)?

Yours faithfully,
RODERICK C. WATSON,
17 Cobham Road,
Kingston upon Thames,
Surrey.
October 20.

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Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 0171-782 5046.

Call for return to real English apples

From Mrs Vera Lipton

Sir, If European output of apples exceeds consumption by two to three million tonnes a year and farmers are being given grants to uproot orchards as you report (October 21), could they not instead be paid to grow apples organically? Then presumably there would be less apples but those that there were would be healthier.

"An apple a day keeps the doctor away", I used to be told as a child. Now when I give my children an apple I wonder how much poison is in it. Should I peel it to get rid of the pesticide on the skin? But isn't that where the vitamins are as well? And is the poison just in the skin? What about the chemicals in the soil where it is grown?

Perhaps after all, they'd be better off with crisps.

Yours faithfully,
VERA LIPTON,
42 Middleway,
Hampstead Garden Suburb, NW11.
October 23.

From Mrs Daphne Norman

Sir, I was delighted to see mention of the Peasgood's Nonsuch in Michael Hornsby's report about the comeback of old varieties of the English apple.

As a young child in the 1930s I was brought up in Chestfield, Kent, where my father purchased a new bungalow (five minutes dash to Chestfield Halt for the train to Faversham to school). In the back garden he planted 12 different apple trees, cookers and eaters; one of them was the Peasgood's Nonsuch, on the right hand side of the garden not far from the back door.

I vividly remember one year the apples on this tree were so large that my father had to prop the branches. He brought in one that was, at least to my childish eye, about 10in across — a delicious, crisp, juicy apple, large enough to be shared among five of us.

This is the first time I have heard the name mentioned in nearly 60 years. Thank you so much for making my day.

Yours sincerely,
G. DAPHNE J. NORMAN,
81 The Brow,
Widley, Waterlooville, Hampshire.
October 21.

From Mr D. Maitland Young

Sir, I have just returned from the food section of a supermarket where I chanced upon apples "ripened on trees for flavour". What an extraordinary idea!

Yours faithfully,
D. M. YOUNG,
Ward Hill, Rivington, Lancashire.
October 21.

Women's work

From Mrs S. S. Fane

Sir, Nigella Lawson's recent articles (October 21, 24) are both arguing from a rather exceptional minority standpoint. She has a well-paid job which she can do at home and from which she derives huge satisfaction. She obviously loves her work and she's very good at it.

But with even the best will in the world Ms Lawson cannot presume to speak for the millions of other women who have children but no choice in their lives. They have to take what work they can get because they need the money, no matter how boring the job or uncongenial the atmosphere, regardless of low pay and no matter how the children cope with both parents working away from home, or how they themselves are stressed and stretched trying to be mother, wage-earner and wife.

These women don't have Ms Lawson's choices, income, or a voice to speak for them.

Yours faithfully,
SUKI FANE,
15 Kyrle Road, SW11.

From Mr Kevin Barry

Sir, Oh dear, another man-bashing article applying the particular to the universal. Why is it that Ms Lawson has to apply her experience of one man's attitude to childcare, albeit backed up by her like-minded acquaintance, as proof of "the inequality between men and women once they become parents"?

By her own account, she seems to have saddled herself, as far as child-rearing is concerned, with a bit of a ne'er-do-well. I am sorry to hear about it but, please, could she have the good grace to leave the rest of us out of it?

Yours faithfully,
KEVIN BARRY,
4 Stone Abbage, Pluckley, Kent.

Scientific 'advances'

From Ms Ann Hambly

Sir, I believe that the photograph of the mouse carrying a grafted ear on its back (October 24), is one of the most horrific I have seen.

Scientists seem truly to believe that whatever they do to benefit human beings is acceptable. It isn't.

With great sincerity,
ANN HAMBLY,
The Old Store, Lower Road,
Charlton All Saints, Salisbury, Wilts.
October 24.

Badger cull

From Dr Michael Senior

Sir, Why does nobody suggest the culling of cattle in areas where badgers are found to have TB, on the grounds that the cattle might be infecting the badgers ("Farmers demand wider badger cull to curb tuberculosis in cattle", October 25)?

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL SENIOR,
Bryn Eisteddfod, Glan Conwy,
Colwyn Bay, North Wales.
October 26.

Spring fever

From Mr Alan Davidson

Sir, Commentators have remarked on how bulbs, birds and butterflies etc are reacting to the unusually warm weather at this time of year (report, October 24) by sprouting before their time, delaying migrations, penetrating further north than ever before and so on.

I can add an item about the reactions of the human species. To my certain knowledge, a part-time housewife in Putney has this week begun her (next) spring cleaning.

Yours etc,
ALAN DAVIDSON,
45 Lamont Road, Chelsea, SW10.
October 25.

Ticket to ride

From Mr Roderick Chamberlain

Sir, Your report, "BR lets ticketless peer off the hook" (later editions, October 27), is hazy on the precise qualifications required for non-payment.

I am happy to give an absolute assurance that I should be embarrassed to be caught red-handed travelling without a ticket: but it is not clear whether, and in what combination, a chairmanship, a peerage and a panoramic salary are also necessary.

Can you help?

Yours, fully paid on the 7.15,
RODERICK CHAMBERLAIN,
Pykes House,
Highclere,
Newbury, Berkshire.
October 27.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 27: Sir Aaron Klug was received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Member of the Order of Merit.

Sir Edward Ford (Secretary and Registrar of the Order of Merit) was in attendance.

His Excellency Mr Vanias Markides was received in audience by Her Majesty and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Commission as High Commissioner for the Republic of Cyprus in London.

Mrs Markides was also received by The Queen.

Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present.

Mr Lloyd Smith was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Kingdom of Nepal.

Mrs Smith was also received by Her Majesty.

Mr Alan Hoole was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Governor of Anguilla.

Mrs Hoole was also received by Her Majesty.

Mr Brian Connelly was received in audience by The Queen upon his appointment as British High Commissioner to Solomon Islands.

Mrs Connelly was also received by Her Majesty.

Mr David Lewty was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador to the State of Bahrain.

The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief, The Queen's Royal Lancers, received Major-General Alastair Dennis upon relinquishing his appointment as Colonel. The Queen's Royal Lancers, and Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Swinburn upon assuming the appointment.

Her Majesty, Patron, this afternoon attended the Closing Session of the National Conference of the Leonard Cheshire Foundation at the Pavilion, Ascot Racecourse, and was received by the Chairman (Sir David Goodall).

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 27: The Duke of York, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Irish Regiment, this evening received Brigadier Adrian Naughten (Deputy Colonel).

His Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, The Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's), later attended the Officers' Dinner and Luncheon Club at Tallow Chandlers' Hall, London EC4.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 27: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was present this evening at a Gala Evening at Castle Howard, in aid of the Northern Police Convalescent Home.

Her Royal Highness was received by The Lord Westbury (Deputy Lieutenant of North Yorkshire).

The Lady Glenconner was in attendance.

Royal engagement

TODAY: Prince Edward will attend the Halifax Rugby League Centenary World Cup final at Wembley at 2.30.

Reception

HM Government
Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Minister of State at the Scottish Office, was the host at a reception given yesterday in Edinburgh Castle to mark the Centenary of the Royal Hospital for Sick Children.

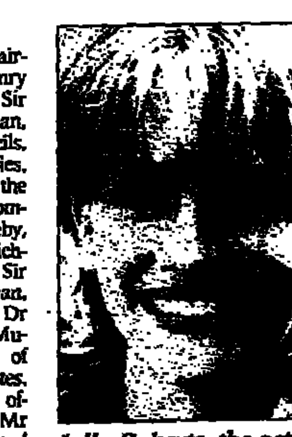
Memorial service

Ms Margery Baker
A memorial service for Ms Margery Baker, television producer and director, was held yesterday at St Paul's, Covent Garden. The Very Rev David Elliott officiated. Ms Marjory Ruse read the lesson, Ms Thelma Ruby read from T.S.Eliot's Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats and Ms Pauline Jamieson read Adlestrop by Edward Thomas. Mr Jeremy Isaacs, General Director of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, gave an address.

Weekend birthdays

TODAY
Mr Peter Baring, former chairman, Barings, 60; Mr Henry Candy, racehorse trainer, 51; Sir John Chatfield, former chairman, Association of County Councils, 66; Professor Sir David Davies, Chief Scientific Adviser to the MOD, 60; Mr Carl Davis, composer, 59; Mr David Dimbleby, broadcaster, 57; Professor Sir Richard Doll, cancer specialist, 83; Sir Ewen Fergusson, chairman, Coutts and Company, 63; Dr Michael Fopp, director, RAF Museum, 48; Lord Fraser of Kilmorack, 80; Mr Bill Gates, chairman and chief executive officer, Microsoft Corp, 40; Mr Christopher Gill, MP, 59; Lord Hesketh, 45; Mr Mark James, golfer, 42; Surgeon Rear-Admiral John Keeling, 74; Lord Killearn, 76; Miss Cleo Laine, singer, 68; the Earl of Lanesborough, 77; Mr Hank Marvin, Shadows' guitarist, 54; Miss Sophie Mirman, former chairman, Sock Shop, 39; Mr Michael Noakes, painter, 62; Miss Joan Plowright (Lady Olivier), actress, 66; Sir Rex Richards, former director, Leverhulme Trust, 73; Lord Rodgers of Quarry Bank, 67; Dr Barry Seal, MEP, 58; Sir Hugh Tett, former chairman, Esso Petroleum Company, 89.

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Professor Sir Geoffrey Allen, chemical physicist, 67; Sir Derek Bradbeer, former president, Law Society, 64; Dame Anne Bryans, a former trustee, Joint Committee, Order of St John and British Red Cross Society, 86; Mr George Davies, former chief executive, Next, 54; Mr Richard Dreyfuss, actor, 48; Mr Vivian Ellis, president, Performing Right Society, 91; Admiral Sir Derek Empson, 77; Mr Mark Fisher, MP, 51; Lady France, former Headmistress, City of London School for Girls, 60; Sir William Gladstone, Lord Lieutenant of Clwyd, 70; Baroness Gould of Potternewton, 63; Mr John Grant, journalist and crossword compiler, 72; Mr David Grindley, athlete, 23; Mr Robert Hardy, actor, 70; Sir Edward Howard, former Lord Mayor of London, 80; Mr D W Limon, Clerk of the House of Commons, 63; Mr Max Madden, MP, 54; Dr Paul Mellars, President, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, 56; Mr Jack Shepherd, actor and director, 55; Mr Paul Tyler, MP, 54; Mr Jon Vickers, opera singer, 69; Mr Galen Weston, vice-chairman, Fortnum and Mason, 55.



Julia Roberts, the actress, is 28 today, Michael Jayston, the actor, will be 60 tomorrow

Anniversaries

TODAY
BIRTHS: Cornelius Jansen, theologian, Acuoi, The Netherlands, 1585; Evelyn Waugh, novelist, London, 1903; Francis Bacon, painter, Dublin, 1909.

DEATHS: John Locke, philosopher, Oates, Essex, 1704; George, Prince of Denmark, consort of Queen Anne, London, 1708; John Smeaton, civil engineer, Austhorpe, Yorkshire, 1792; Prince Bernhard von Bülow, German Imperial Chancellor 1900-1909, Rome, 1929; Georges Carpentier, boxer, 1975; John Braine, novelist, London, 1986; Woody Herman, musician, Los Angeles, 1987; Jack de Manio, broadcaster, 1988; Henry Hall, band leader, 1989.

Harvard College was founded in Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1638.

The Statue of Liberty was unveiled in New York Harbour, 1886.

The state opening of Parliament was televised for the first time, 1958.

TOMORROW
BIRTHS: James Boswell, biographer, Edinburgh, 1740; Wilfred Rhodes, Yorkshire and England cricketer, Kirkheaton, Yorkshire, 1877; Jean Giraudoux, dramatist, Bellac, France, 1882; Fanny Brice, actress and singer, New York, 1891; Josef Goebbels, Nazi war criminal, Rheydt, Rhineland, 1897.

DEATHS: Sir Walter Raleigh, courtier, adventurer and writer, executed, London, 1618; John Leech, illustrator, London, 1864; Joseph Pulitzer, newspaper proprietor, Charleston, South Carolina, 1911; Frances Burnett, novelist and dramatist, New York, 1924; King Gustav V of Sweden, reigned 1907-50, Stockholm, 1950; John Braine, novelist, London, 1986; Pietro Annigoni, painter, Florence, 1988.

Russian archaeologist Peter Kozlov discovered the tomb of Genghis Khan, 1927.

The New York Stock Exchange collapsed, 1929.

Tanganyika and Zanzibar united and became known as Tanzania, 1964.

Marriages

Mr W.H. Daniell and Miss G. Arellano
The marriage took place in Kington, Herefordshire, on Friday, October 20, of Mr William Daniell to Miss Graciela Arellano.

Mr A.N.R. Hooper and Miss E.C. Waterhouse
The marriage took place on October 21, in London, of Mr Adam Hooper, son of Mr and Mrs A. Hooper, of Wells, and Miss Emma Waterhouse, daughter of Mrs J. Caballero, Montblanc, Spain.

The European Union of Women

The European Union of Women announce that the European Ball will take place on November 18, 1995, at the Café Royal, Piccadilly, London. Enquiries 0181 681 6619.

Service dinners

43rd Gurkha Lorried Brigade
Major Gordon Corrigan of the 3rd Royal Gurkha Rifles was the principal guest at a reunion dinner and annual meeting of the 43rd Gurkha Lorried Brigade held last night at the Royal Automobile Club. Major W.C.Rogers presided.

Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers
Colonel Stephen Abate, Commandant of the School of Electronic and Aeronautical Engineering, was dined out at a ladies dinner given last night by the Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers at Arborfield. Lieutenant-Colonel Stuart Cameron presided.

Pioneer Officers' Dinner Club
Major-General Sir Peter Sheppard, Chief of Staff, Headquarters QMG, was the guest of honour at a dinner of the Pioneer Officers' Dinner Club held last night at St David's Barracks, Bicester. Major-General Geoffrey Field, presided.

CLI Dining Club
Brigadier P.C. Bowser was the principal guest at a dinner of 151 (Greater London) Support Regiment RLC (V) held last night at Lincoln's Inn to mark his retirement as Secretary of the TA&VR Association for Greater London. Colonel G.T. Spate, Chairman of the dining club, presided.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. Abercrombie and Miss E.R. Francis
The engagement is announced between Justin, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Abercrombie, of Eaton Bray, Bedfordshire, and Eleanor, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Francis, of Steyning, West Sussex.

Mr M.D. Barnett and Miss B.A.C. Sergeant
The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Barnett, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire, and Briony, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs Howard Sergeant, of Hampstead, London.

Mr C.R. Boyle and Miss L.J. Shaw
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr John Boyle, of 40 Drayton Gardens, London SW10, and of Lady Barber, of Windrush House, Inkpen, Berkshire, and Laura, daughter of the late Mr John Shaw and of Mrs Jean Shaw, of 11 Jean Armour Avenue, Edinburgh.

Mr J.L.K. Chetwode and Miss S.L. Pym
The engagement is announced between Joshua, son of Major David and Lady Willa Chetwode, of Swiss Farm House, Upper Slaughter, Gloucestershire, and Serena, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Pym, of Barnfield, Charing, Kent.

Mr K.R. Cowley and Miss A.R. Whyte
The engagement is announced between Kenneth Richard Cowley, son of the late Mrs Jane Whitehurst, and stepson of Mr Edward Whitehurst, of Sheffield, and Alison, only daughter of Squadron Leader and Mrs Robert Whyte, of Blackboys, Sussex.

Dr M.R.W. Evans and Miss C.A.G. Salmon
The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr Russell Evans, and the late Mrs Pamela Evans, of Roehampton, and Caroline, elder daughter of Major and Mrs Norman Salmon, of Ashcott, Somerset.

Mr R.C.G. England and Miss E.S. Williams
The engagement is announced between Rory, younger son of the late Mr Victor and Mrs Myrtle England, of Ottershaw, and Chobham, Surrey, and Siriol, elder daughter of Mr Peter and Mrs Heather Williams, of Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Mr N.M.F. Harvey and Miss T.K. McHale
The engagement is announced between Neil, son of Mr Martin Harvey, of Broxbourne, and Mrs Hugh Murchie, of Anstey, Hertfordshire, and Tara Kate, daughter of His Honour Judge and Mrs Keith McHale, of Beckenham, Kent.

Mr D.C. Holmes and Miss A.H. Blackett
The engagement is announced between Dominic, son of Mr and Mrs John Holmes, of Frostenden, Suffolk, and Annabel, daughter of Captain Beauchamp Blackett, of Arbigland, Dumfries, Scotland, and of Mrs Patrick Maclagan, of Elcot, Berkshire.

Mr P. Mort and Miss S. Williams
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs Roy Mort, of Govilon, Gwent, and Samantha, daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Williams, of Beckenham, Kent.

Mr S.P. O'Neill and Miss L.W. Caldicott
The engagement is announced between Sean, son of Mr and Mrs Edward O'Neill, of Hendersonville, North Carolina, USA, and Lucy, daughter of Mr Robert Woodruff Caldicott and Dr Fiona Caldicott, of Coventry, Warwickshire.

Mr R.G.S. Prenter and Miss M.A. Cochrane
The engagement is announced between Richard Gibson Scott, elder son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Prenter, of Edinburgh, and Monica Anne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Harry Johnston, of Dirleton, East Lothian.

Dinners

Manchester Consular Association
The Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester and the High Sheriff of Greater Manchester attended the annual dinner of the Manchester Consular Association held last night at the Belfry Hotel, Handforth. Mr Michael Hammond, Consul for Norway, presided. Among others present were: The Ambassador of Norway, the Deputy Lord Mayor of Manchester, the Mayor of Salford, the Vice-Chancellor of Manchester University, the Vice-Chancellor of UMIST, the Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, the President of the Manchester Law Society, the Chief Executive of Manchester International Airport, the Chairman of Greater Manchester Economic Development Council, the President of Manchester Rotary Club and the Assistant Director General of the British Council.

The Forty Club
Lieutenant-Colonel John R. Stephenson, President of The Forty Club, presided at the annual dinner held last night at the London Hilton on Park Lane. Sir Colin Cowdrey, Sir Oliver Popplewell, QC, President of MCC, the Earl of Stockton and Mr Don Wilson also spoke.

During the evening the president presented the Henry Grierson trophy to Jonathan Stainer, Captain of Cricket at the City of London Freemen's School, Ashtead. Among others present were: Sir Denis Thatcher, Mr E W Swanton, Mr Gary Lineker, Mr Alan Wells, Mr Mike Gatting, Mr Alan Smith, Mr Roger Knight and Mr Tony Lewis.

Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management
The Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM) held its Centenary Dinner at the Café Royal in London on Wednesday, October 25, 1995. It was hosted by Mr Christopher Binnie, President of CIWEM. The toast to the Institution was proposed by Sir Hugh Rossi and Professor David Bellamy replied to the President's toast to the guests.

The Institution welcomed five new Honorary Fellows at the dinner: Professor David Bellamy, OBE, Biologist and Broadcaster; Mr Keith Court, Chairman, South West Water; Mr John Jameson, OBE, Chairman Designate, West of Scotland Water Authority; Mr Jonathon Porritt, Former Director, Friends of the Earth; and Dr Ian Preston, CBE, Chairman Designate, East of Scotland Water Authority.

The CIWEM Centenary Award for outstanding and/or innovative achievements in the field of water and environmental management was presented to Dr Andrew Skinner and Dr Clive Swinnerton of the National Rivers Authority (NRA) for the NRA's Groundwater Protection Scheme. Mr David Lloyd and Mr Bernard Woolle received the runner-up prize on behalf of Sir William Halcrow and Partners.

Church services tomorrow

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

ABERDEEN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.15 SE, Missa ave Jesu (Oldroyd), On nata lux (Tallis), Rt Rev J Taylor; 6.30 ES, Holy is the true light (Shephard), Dyson in D, Evening Hymn (Balfour Gardner), The Provost.

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 11 Choral Euch, Rt Rev A Dumper; 4 Choral E.

BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.15 Choral M, Rejoice in the Lord alway (Anon); 10.30 Euch, Mass for three voices (Byrd), Canon J Hall; 4 Choral E, Quatre petites prieres de Saint Francois d'Assise (Poulenc), Canon D Galilee.

BRISTOL CATHEDRAL: 7.40 M; 8 HC; 10 Choral Euch, Open thou mine eyes (Rutter), Mass in G (Schubert), Canon John Simpson; 3.30 Choral E, Responses (Gibbons), A: Bring us, O Lord God (Harris), Canon Peter Johnson.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 11 S Euch, Messe Solonnelle (Langlais), Tantum Ergo (Duruflé), Rev N H Woods; 3.15 E, Responses (Morley), Great Lord of Lords (Gibbons); 6.30 Compline, the Precentor.

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 S Euch, Messe Solennelle in C sharp minor (Vierne), The Dean; 3 E, O God thou art my God/Jehova, quam multi sunt hostes mei (Purcell), Responses (Reading), Purcell in G minor.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8 HC; 9.30 Euch, The Provost; 11.15 S Euch, Mass to four voices (Byrd), Agnus Dei (Motet), Rev J Jones; 4 Baptism; 6 Choral E, Responses (Morley), Gaudent in Coelis (Vittoria), The Provost.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M, Ireland in C, Sing we merrily (Batten), Rt Rev C Luxmoore; 11 Sung E, Darke in F, Jesu, Grant me this, I pray (Bairstow), The Treasurer; 3.30 E, Hunt in E flat, Where Thou reignest (Schubert).

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP; 8 C; 10.30 Euch, Exultate jubilate (Scarlatti), Benedictus (Byrd), Canon K Phillips; 5.30 E, Exultate Jubilate (Scarlatti), Responses (Rose), Noble in B minor, The heavens are telling (Haydn).

DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M, Responses (Ferial), Jubilate Deo (Britten in C), Canon R Coppin; 11.15 HC, Ave verum corpus (Mozart), Canon M Perry; 3.30 E, Responses (Reading), Wood in D, A Evening Hymn (Balfour Gardiner).

ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Missa Sancti Nicolai (Haydn), Canon Green; 3.45 E, Preces (Smith), Murrill in E, The heavens are telling (Haydn).

EXETER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch, Salvator Mundi (Tallis), Let all mortal flesh (Bairstow), Preb B Tubbs; 11.15 M, Responses (Rose), A: O Lorde the maker (Joubert), The Sub Dean; 3 E, Responses (John Sanders), A: And I saw a new heaven (Bainton); 6.30 E, A: Achieved is thy glorious work (Haydn), The Precentor.

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M; 10.30 Euch, Missa, Vidi turbam magnam (Allegri), Ave Regina coelorum (Lassus), Canon D Goodman; 2.30 Royal Arch Masons' Service, The Provost; 4 Choral E, Short Service (Gibbons), Ne irascaris/Ne irascaris (Byrd), Responses (Kelsall), The Precentor.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, The Dean; 3.30 E.

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L; 8, HC; 9.30 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Kelly, O sacrum convivium (Messiaen), Ven J H C Laurence; 11.15 M, The wilderness (Goss), The Subdean; 12.30 HC; 3.45 E, Stanford in B flat; 7.30 Radio 3 broadcast, Choral Foundations from Lincoln.

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL: 8 MP and HC; 10.30 Euch, Schubert in G, Canon Noel Vincent; 3 Choral E, Sumsion in G, Canon David Hutton; 4 HC.

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M; 8, 12.15 H Euch, The Dean; 9 Euch, Rev N Court; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Berkeley), Creed (Shaw), We wait for thy loving kindness (McKie), The Canon; 3.30 Choral E, Stanford in A, Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace (Wesley); 6.30 E, Rev J Redvers Harris.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M; 8 HC, The Provost; 9.30 S Euch, Stanford in C & F, O Christ O Blessed Lord (Ricahrd Wagner), Rev Canon E James; 6 Choral E.

NEWPORT CATHEDRAL: 10.30 M, O nata lux (Tallis); 6.30 SE, Ireland in C, Ave verum corpus (Elgar).

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8, 7.45 HC; 9 MP; 9.30 C, Canon J Sinclair; 11 Euch, Canon T Page; 6.30 E, Canon C Smith.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 E; 11 Choral Euch, Darke in F, God be in my head (Greenhalgh), View me Lord (Lloyd), Rev Canon D Atkinson; 3 Choral E, Dyson in D, Achieved in the glorious work (Haydn), Rev Canon S Maslen.

SOUTHWELL CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L; 8 HC; 9.30 C, Mr C Tebbutt; 11 M, Make me a clean heart (Ley), Responses (Sanders), Stanford in B flat, Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace (Wesley), The Provost; 3.15 E, To thee O Lord (Rachmaninov), Stanford in B flat.

TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 M, The Chancellor; 10 S Euch, View me Lord (Lloyd), Darke in F, And didst thou travel light (Shephard), The Librarian; 6 E, Responses (Smith), How lovely are thy dwellings (Brahms), The Chancellor.

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 Sung E, Darke in E, Verily, verily (Tallis), The Dean; 11.30 M, Stanford in B flat, Thou visitest the earth (Greene); 3 E, Wood in E flat no 2, When David heard (Weelkes), The Treasurer.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Westminster Service (Clucas), Haec est dies (Handl), Rev A McCoy OFM; 11.15 Euch, Missa Aeterna Christi munera/Confitemini Domino (Palestrina), Crux fidelis (King John IV of Portugal), Sr H Markey; 3 E, Responses (Tallis), Sumsion in G, Great Lord of Lords (Wood), Canon A Harvey; 6.30 ES, Rev B Fenton.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30, 7 M; 10.30 SM, Missa Trahe me post (Victoria), Lustus palmas florebit/Ave verum corpus (Mawby); 10 MP; 3.30 V&B, Magnificat octavi toni (Morales), Great is the Lord/Imperial March (Elgar).

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 10.30 M, Jubilate in C (Britten), The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar), Rev J Paxton; 11.30 Euch, Mass in G minor (Vaughan Williams), O sacrum convivium (Byrd); 3.30 E, Winchester Service (Howells), Deep River (Tippett), The Archdeacon; 7.30 Monteverdi Vespers, BBC Singers.

YORK MINSTER: 8 HC; 8.45 HC; 10 Sung E, Mass for four voices (Byrd), The Chancellor; 11.30 M, Collegium Regale (Howells); 4 E, Bairstow in D, I was glad (Purcell), Archdeacon Emeritus.

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Stanford in B flat, O taste and see (Vaughan Williams); 3.30 Choral E, Howells in G, Like as the hart (Howells).

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8 LM; 10 LM; 11.30 Solemn M, Missa Castenea (Roger Heagney), Cantate Domino (Hassler), Mgr Leo White; 6 LM.

ST GILES' CATHEDRAL, Edinburgh: 8 MS; 10 HC, Leighton in D, The Minister; 11.30 MS, Exsultate Justi (Viadana); 8 E, The Minister.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, London: 8 HC; 8.45 M; 11 S Euch, The Short Service (Wills), Sicut cervus (Palestrina), Ven George Cassidy; 3.15 E, The Carlisle Service (Walsh), Responses (Lloyd), Laudem dicite Deo (Sheppard), Rt Rev G Dow.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 5.15 LM; 10.20 MP; 11 HM, Ireland in C, The heavens are telling (Haydn), Rev P McGeary; 6 E&B, Like as the hart (Howells), The Vicar.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 9 C; 11 Rev R Tice; 6.30 Rev Dr J Stott.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11, Missa quarti toni (Vittoria), Alleluia (Bullard), Salve Regina (Poulenc).

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8 HC; 10 Children; 11 M, Cibavit eos (Byrd), Rev P Elvy; 6 E, Rev P Elvy.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH, Curzon St, W1: 11 Sunday service; 11 Sunday School.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 Rev D Townsend; 6.30 Mr T Fletcher.

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM.

HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 ASB HC, Mr A Atkinson; 11 Informal, Mr T Stilwell; 5, 7.30 Informal Service, Mr K Costa.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Missa Vidi turbam magnam (Allegri), Vidi speciosam (Victoria), 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V&B, Ave Maria (Byrd).

ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH: Iverna Gdns, W8: 11 MP, Archbishop Y Gizirian.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC; 11 MS, Rev P Hulme.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11, 6.30, Rev Dr Peter C Graves.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev P Schmiege; 7 Reformation Chorale Festival.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 M (City of London Yeomanry commemoration), Stanford in B flat, Praise ye the Lord (Tye), The Rector; 6.30 E, Noble in B minor, O praise God (Whyte), The Rector.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Harwood in A flat, Darke in F, Let my prayer come up (Blow), Canon J Oates; 6.30 Choral E, Responses (Rose), Watson in E, Three Motets (Brahms), Canon J Oates.

ST CLEMENT DANES: 11 Choral Euch, Communion Service in C & F (Stanford), A. Adoramus te (Monteverdi), Rev P Bishop.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 HC, Rev J H McIndoe; 3 HC, Rev J H McIndoe; 6.30 Rev W Alexander Cairns.

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 Sm, Missa papae Marcelli (Palestrina), Laudibus in sanctis (Byrd), Prelude (Dubois).

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Darlow), Faire is the heaven (Harris), The Rector.

ST JAMES'S, Garlickhythe, EC4: 10.30 S Euch, John Paul, Rector.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 Euch; 10.30 S Euch, Harwood in A flat, O for a closer walk (Stanford), Rev B Wilson; 6 Choral E, Blow in G, Drop Drop slow tears (Gibbons).

ST JOHN'S, Stratford E15: 11 Family, Carillon (Vierne), Rev D Richards; 6.30 EP & Praise, Rev M Holmden.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Missa Brevis in G/Ave verum corpus (Mozart), Rev J Hadley; 6.30 E, Responses (Leighton), Ave regina coelorum (Guerrero), Rev G Beauchamp.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 9.45 Family C; 11 S Euch, Jackson in G, Cantique de Jean Racine (Fauré), Rev Tom Devonshire Jones.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Preston), O sacrum convivium (Messiaen), The Dean.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, Lourdes Gloria (Stringer), Laudate Dominum (Mozart), Christus factus est pro nobis (Bruckner), Rev C Herbert; 11.30 Visitors, Responses (Smith), Te Deum in B flat (Stanford), Almighty and everlasting God (Gibbons), Rev B Schunemann; 2.45 Chinese, Rev G Lee; 5 Choral E, Let thy merciful ears (Mudd), Responses (Tallis Festal), Ascribe unto the Lord (Wesley); 6.30 Rev B Schunemann.

ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH, Kensington W8: 8 HC; 9.30 Euch, Rev F Gelli; 11.15 Choral M, Rev F Gelli; 12.30 HC; 6.30 E, The Vicar.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 10, 7 LM; 11 HM, Missa brevis in B flat (Mozart), Fr B Scott; 6 E & B.

ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8 HC; 10.30 Euch, Short Service (Batten), Jubilate Deo (Britten); 6 Living with faith.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa de la batalla escoutez (Guerrero), Non vos relinquam orphanos (Byrd), Gaudete omnes (Sweelinck), Rev A Henderson.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Euch; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Berkeley), Os justi meditabitur sapientiam (Bruckner), Valet will ich dir geben (Bach), Fr D Tillyer.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8 Low M; 9 Low M; 11 S Mass, Missa O Quam Gloriosum (Victoria), Sacerdotes Dominum (Byrd), Canon C Colven.

CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: 9.15 HC; 11 M & Sermon, Responses (Leighton), A: Alleluia I heard a voice (Weelkes), Canon J G M W Murphy.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Give us the wings of faith (Bullock), Rev G D Watkins.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 M, Responses (Byrd), Men's Voices, Responses (Reynolds), Wood in E, My voice shalt thou hear (Tomkins); 3.30 E, Responses (Statham), Men's Voices, Responses (Reynolds), I will lift up mine eyes (Walker), Wood in G, Lord Thou hast been our refuge (Walker).

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, W1: 11 S Euch, Colloredo Mass (Mozart), Lord thou hast been our refuge (Hobson), Trumpet Tune (Stanley), Rev S Hobbs.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 M, Cole in E minor, Justorum animae (Stanford); 12.30 HC, Rev D Burgess.

THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: 8.30 HC; 11.15 HC, Schubert in G, The Creed (Merbecke), The Master.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M, Let hearts awaken (Plainsong), O what their joy and their glory must be (Harris), The Chaplain; 12 HC.

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BIRTHS

ATTRIDGE-BARTLETT - To Yvette and Mike, a darling daughter Kathryn Josephine, born at last! 11 pm Wednesday 25th October, 9 lbs 12 oz. Thank you to all at St Peter's, Chertsey.

BRIGGS - On October 9th 1995 to Anabel (née Ziegler) and Daniel, a son Wilkie Arthur, a brother for Hal.

GILMORE - On October 26th in Sydney, to Linda (née Martin) and Anthony, a beautiful daughter, Francesca May, a sister for Danika.

LISTER - At 10.10 am on October 22nd at Dewsbury Hospital, to Keith and Mandy, a beautiful daughter Loren, a sister for Emma.

PENSTONE - On 19th October 1995, to Natalie (née Matthews) and Andrew, a beautiful daughter, Lauren Jessica.

ROBERTS - On 26th October 1995 in Nassau, Bahamas, to Rosamund (née Lambert) and Edward, a daughter, Sophie Elizabeth, a sister for Julia.

ROSE - To Julie (née Curtis) and Richard, twins, George and Benjamin, on 15th October 1995.

SANDERSON - On October 25th at Duke University Medical Centre, North Carolina, to Angela (née King) and Iain, a son, Daniel Alastair, a brother to James.

TUMBER - On October 21st, to Alison (née Cooper) and Neil, a son James Nelson, a brother for Sophie.

VASEY - On 22nd October, to Ian and Lorraine, a son, Jack William.

VICKERS - On 26th October, to Carinna and Tom, a daughter Phoebe, sister for Bertie.

WETTON - On 16th September 1995, at St. Mary's Paddington, to Charlotte (née Ryan) and Charles, a daughter Anna Victoria Frances, a sister for Harriet.

WHILLIS - On October 23rd 1995, to Judith and Nicholas, a son, Charles Richard Chamberlain.

WIGHTMAN - On October 24th, at The Portland Hospital, to Emma (née Sampson) and Christopher, a son, Toby, a brother for Edward.

DEATHS

BOWES - Arthur William (Bill), Solicitor. Died suddenly on 26th October 1995. A much loved husband, father, father-in-law and grandfather. Funeral private. Memorial Service later. No flowers by request.

CROFT - Phyllida Mary, on 23rd October suddenly at home, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs G.A. Croft of Teignmouth, Devon and beloved aunt of Anne and John. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Petersfield on Friday November 3rd at 12 noon. All enquiries to Funeral Services (Petersfield) Ltd, on (01730) 262 711.

FITZPATRICK - Brian, passed away peacefully on October 26th 1995, at Little White Hart Hotel, Henley-on-Thames. A much loved husband, father and grandfather, he will be sadly missed by family and many friends. Funeral service 2.45 pm, 2nd November 1995, St Mary's Church, Henley-on-Thames, followed by a private cremation.

FRASER - On Monday 23rd October at home, suddenly but peacefully Richard (Roy) FRIBA. Beloved husband of Fay Latimer. Funeral has taken place in York.

FROOME - On October 24th 1995, suddenly, Dr Keith Davy Froome, much loved husband of the late Daphne, father of Joyce and Peter and daughter-in-law Helen. Funeral at 11 am on November 1st at St Eval Church, Cornwall. No flowers, donations to R.N.L.I. Enquiries and donations to R. J. Bray Wadebridge. Tel: (01208) 812626.

HALL - Philip John. Died peacefully after a long illness, on October 27th 1995, born 1913. Loved by all, especially his wife Anne (née Mathew Lannowe), a trusted, caring and devoted man to all who knew him. A private funeral in Bath. No flowers by request.

HEALY - Suddenly and unexpectedly in hospital, David, dearly loved husband of Peggy, and father of William and Tim. The funeral service will be held at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London W1 on Tuesday October 31st at 10.30 am, to which all friends are invited. Cremation thereafter private. Family flowers only please, but donations to the British Heart Foundation would be appreciated.

HILL - (née de Manzon), on October 26th peacefully after a long illness courageously borne at Trinity Hospice SW4, Giacomina Mimma, dearly beloved mother of Anthony and Lisetta. Sadly missed by all her loving family and friends. Service and interment at Putney Vale Cemetery SW15 on Monday November 6th at 2.15 pm. Enquiries to J.H. Kenyon (0171) 834 4624.

HILL - On October 26th 1995 at the Manchester Clinic, Brian aged 68 years. The dearly loved husband of Barbara and the loving father of Kathryn, dear father-in-law of Julian and the loving grandpa of Jamie and Eleanor. A strictly private family funeral service will soon take place. A Memorial Service will be held at Preston Parish Church, the date and time to be announced later. Messrs H. Whalley and Sons, 94 Ripon Street, Preston, Tel. (01772) 254956.

IRISH - William Terence, aged 85, on 26th October. Dear husband of Clem, father of Michael and Penny and grandfather of Mary, Matthew, Jessica and Thomas. All enquiries to L. Hartness (F/D). Tel. (01869) 253282.

JACKSON - On October 27th 1995, Michael James, former Vicar of St Mary the Virgin, Nottingham and Canon of Southwell. Very dear husband of Janet and greatly loved father of Mary, Lucy, Katie and Beatrice and loved grandfather. Funeral at Nether Broughton Church, Leicestershire, at 12 noon on Wednesday November 1st. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, to St. Mary's, Nottingham. Memorial Service to be arranged.

KHATER - M.S. Kharter, FRCS announces with great regret the loss of his devoted and beloved wife Catherine Mary (née Lynch), mother of Fahed and Sarah on 26th October 1995 in the London Clinic. Much loved daughter and sister. May God Bless her soul. Requiem Mass at the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Simon Stock, Kensington Church Street, London W8 on 31st October at 11.00 am.

LEE - John, suddenly but peacefully at home in Barbados. Funeral in Barbados Wednesday 1st November. Enquiries to Rees tel: (0171) 402-4427.

MASON - G.L. On October 26th suddenly at his home in Cromer. Les aged 79 years formerly of Sheffield and Canada. Beloved husband of Kathleen, dear father of Gail and Pat (Canada) and a very dear Poppa. Funeral Service at St. Faith's Crematorium Norfolk, on Thursday November 2nd at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations, if wished, for The British Heart Foundation c/o Fox's Funeral Services, 10 Canada Road, Cromer, Norfolk NR27 9AH.

McDOUGALL - On 27th October 1995, peacefully after a short illness in Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, Allister McDougall of Broughty Ferry, Dundee. A much loved husband, Dad and grandad. Funeral Service on Tuesday October 31st in Dundee Crematorium at 2 pm., to which all relatives, friends and colleagues are respectfully invited. Family flowers only, but donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to Robert Samson Ltd, 175 King Street, Broughty Ferry DD5 2AX or will be gratefully received at the door of Dundee Crematorium in Aid of Cancer Research. No letters or cards please.

McLEAN - Antonia, wife of Ruari and mother of David, Andrew and Catriona, on Wednesday 25th October 1995, in hospital in Glasgow after a very short illness, surrounded by her family. Service in Bunessan Church, Isle of Mull at 12.30 on Thursday 2nd November. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research, (Scotland), 29 Forth Street, Edinburgh.

MOORE - Jill Mary Moore, O.B.E. Peacefully after a short illness on 26th October. Dearly loved wife of John, mother of Nicholas, mother-in-law of Jane and grandmother of Natasha. Funeral service (after private cremation) at Worcester Cathedral 12 noon, Tuesday 31st October. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Imperial Cancer Research Fund, c/o. Co-operative Funeral Services, 17 Lowesmoor, Worcester WR1 2RS.

O'BRIEN - Garrett John, musician, composer, aesthete: beloved of Pamela, brother of Jenni and Sheilagh, died peacefully in Jedburgh on Wednesday 25th October 1995. Funeral service at 11.00 a.m. on Tuesday 31st October at St. John's Episcopal Church, and thereafter, private committal at Mortonhall Crematorium, Edinburgh. Family flowers only, donations to A. Oliver and Sons, 2/3 Pleasance, Jedburgh, for British Heart Foundation. "My spirit sang all day".

REISS - Beth. Peacefully on Thursday 26th October 1995 at Ipswich Hospital, dearest wife of Stephen, mother of Bridget, and the late Nicholas and grandmother of Katie, Philippa, Jessica and James. Funeral Service at Aldeburgh Parish Church, Suffolk on Wednesday 1st November at 2.00p.m.

ROBINSON - On 19th October 1995 very peacefully in hospital, Agnes Veronica (Nicky) of Ewshot, Hampshire. Service at St Mary's Church, Ewshot, Tuesday 31st October 1 pm, followed by cremation at Aldershot at 2 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired for Ada Cole Memorial Stables c/o E. Finch & Sons, 123 High Street, Aldershot, Hants. GU11 1TT. tel: (01252) 22281.

SOGNO - John. Died peacefully at home on 22nd October after a long illness borne with great courage and dignity. Funeral Service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Monday 30th October 1995 at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if wished, to R.N.L.I. c/o Haine & Son Ltd., 19 South Street, Eastbourne, E. Sussex.

STEWART - Thomas C. Stewart, O.B.E., M.C., "Tom" of Deanland, Sixpenny Handley on the evening of October 25th after a short illness. Greatly loved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. As with his wish his body has been donated to Medical Research. Donations if desired to Southampton Medical School. Any further information from R. Hallum & Sons, 126 St Mary's Street, Southampton. He will be deeply missed.

WATSON - Linda, quietly at her home on Wednesday October 25th 1995 aged 44 years following a brief final illness courageously borne. Much loved wife of Andrew. Funeral Service at Top Chapel, Haycombe Cemetery, Bath on Friday November 3rd at 2pm, followed by Private Cremation. No flowers please. Donations if desired to Dorothy House Foundation to G. Mannings and Sons Ltd, Oxford House, North Road, Combe Down, Bath BA2 5HW.

WILMSHURST - Matthew Daniel, died peacefully on October 22nd, 1995 after a long illness borne with great courage and dignity. Matthew was 21 years old, intelligent, caring; he loved his family, friends and life passionately. Loving and beloved son of Jane and Andrew and brother of Katie and Gareth. All are welcome at the Service to be held at Our Lady of Ransom, Grove Road, Eastbourne on Thursday November 2nd at 12 noon, followed by a cremation. Flowers (no wreaths please) to Haine & Son Ltd, 19 South Street, Eastbourne, BN21 4UJ. (Tel: 01323 727801). If preferred, donations can be made c/o Haine & Son, for distribution to Cancer Charities in the Sussex Area.

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OBITUARIES

PROFESSOR SIR ROBERT GRIEVE

Professor Sir Robert Grieve, first chairman of the Highlands and Islands Development Board, died on October 25 aged 84. He was born on December 11, 1910.



BOB GRIEVE played a crucial role in shaping the industrial development of Scotland in the postwar era. He had the good fortune to be active as a public servant at a time when government intervention was judged to be positive rather than obstructive, and he took full advantage of a climate of expansion.

His work on the Clyde Valley Regional Plan in the immediate aftermath of the war tackled the big issues of Glasgow's overcrowding and the rundown of the shipping industry, while his chairmanship of the Highlands and Islands Development Board, 1965-70, began the process of reversing that neglected area's population decline.

He brought to these and other tasks a clear perception of the role of the civil servant, which he believed was to improve society. As a working-class boy from one of the poorest parts of Glasgow, he never forgot the community spirit of the tenements. But he was equally aware of the appalling conditions of inner city life and the need to better them.

The archetypal "lad o' pairts," he educated himself, chose a career which suited his temperament and gave his utmost to every job he tackled. But he remained modest about his achievements, insisting that his life had been like "falling up the ladder". Perhaps his most impressive personal achievement came after the death in 1984 of his beloved wife May when, rather than retreat into retirement, he decided to accept every job he was offered and enjoyed the Indian summer of a late career, contributing as he always had done to the improvement of Scottish public life.

Robert Grieve was born in Maryhill, Glasgow, where the great influence in his life was his mother Catherine. She not only looked after the family in their crowded tenement home, but introduced him to reading, to radical socialism, and to Catholicism. He also acquired a love of the countryside which never left him. He would cycle out to Loch Lomondside and spend days climbing in the hills, sowing the seeds of his later mountaineering skills.

Educated at the non-sectarian North Kelvinside School, he excelled in technology and went on to study at the Royal College of Science and Technology, later renamed the University of Strathclyde. He graduated as a civil engineer in 1927, and went into local government as a member of the planning department before joining the Scottish Office. In 1933 he married Mary ("May") Blackburn who was a rock-like figure in his life.

It was in the development of the Clyde Valley Regional Plan, 1944-46, that Grieve first showed his visionary qualities, and he is generally credited with being the brains behind it. This was planning at its grandest, nothing less than moving the steel industry towards the coast, rebuilding Glasgow, thinning down its population and creating better living conditions for its people. At a boom-time for the old heavy industries which had made that city great, Grieve foresaw their decline and began planning for their aftermath. The result was, in the words of an admiring colleague, "a classic document". He favoured the development of the new towns, like East Kilbride and Cumbernauld, together with a high-grade road transport system in the central belt, and when, in 1960, he was appointed chief planner at the Scottish Office, he oversaw their development.

Under a Tory government he drafted a seminal White Paper on regional policy which tackled the question of how best to encourage growth in those areas of Scotland which showed greatest promise. It was a policy which he was to pursue and develop when, in 1965, he was appointed first chairman of the Highlands and Islands Development Board, a job he hesitated about accepting. It was his wife who persuaded him. "Bob, you've got to do it," she said, "or they'll get someone worse."

In the meantime, in 1964, he had accepted a post as Professor of Town and Regional Planning at Glasgow University, which he held for 11 years. The academic life was not entirely to his taste. He preferred, as he once said, to "exchange the unexceptional sentiment for the terror of action".

In setting out a plan for regenerating the Highlands he was doing just that. Again he was the visionary, looking ahead to what might be achieved over a ten to 12-year period rather than the short-term. "We're all here to work ourselves out of a job," he told his team in Inverness — the idea being that if local industry could be encouraged, planners would become irrelevant. He applied the same rule of encouraging activity in promising areas, and though not all the plans succeeded — the paper mill at Fort William and the aluminium smelter at Invergordon were two notable failures — he could take great satisfaction later from a steady increase in the Highland population. His only disappointment was in not persuading his masters to build a new Scottish university in the Highlands rather than Stirling.

A great lover of the arts as well as the outdoors, he listed his recreations as mountaineering and poetry. He chaired the Royal Fine Art Commission of Scotland, the Scottish Countryside and Rangers Association, the Saltire Society and many others. He was professor emeritus at Glasgow University, honorary professor at Heriot-Watt, and held honorary doctorates at the universities of Heriot-Watt, Strathclyde and Edinburgh.

In 1989 he was presented with a special Lord Provost's award from the City of Glasgow. He treasured these acts of recognition from his native country; when he was knighted in 1969, he observed that being a Scottish professor was better than being a British knight. A great companion with a dry sense of humour, a liking for good whisky, and a love of conversation, he never lost what one of his friends described as "the simple charm and natural good humour that is characteristic of the best Scotsmen."

He is survived by two sons and two daughters.

JAN BADENI

Jan Badeni, airforce officer and entrepreneur, died in Bath on October 25 aged 74. He was born in Lwow, Poland, on February 15, 1921.



JAN BADENI was an eminent wartime Polish emigre who embraced the life of an English country gentleman and became a pillar of the establishment. His leonine looks and grand central European bearing betrayed his origins, but for a Pole he was surprisingly unflamboyant.

Jan Badeni was born in Lwow, which was then in Poland, the son of Count Stefan Badeni and Maria, née Princess Jablonowska. Although they had only achieved position and fortune at the end of the 18th century, the Badenis carried great weight in Lwow and the surrounding area. This had become the Austrian province of Galicia after the partitions of Poland, but the Poles had rather turned things on their head and Badeni's great-uncle Kazimierz had ended up as Prime Minister of the whole Austro-Hungarian empire.

Badeni spent his whole childhood and youth on the family estate at Koropiec near Stanislawow, with its grand baroque country house. There being no smart schools in the immediate vicinity, his education was provided by a string of English governesses and migrant tutors.

When the Germans and the Russians invaded in September 1939 the Badenis fled across the border to Hungary, where they felt quite at home and provisionally safe. They used their excellent contacts to help other Poles escape, and later in the service of the Polish underground, for which Jan's father was eventually arrested by the Germans and sent to Mauthausen concentration camp.

In 1940 the 19-year-old Badeni decided to go and join the Polish forces that were continuing the fight against Germany. The only way out of Hungary was through the Balkans to the Middle East. But on reaching British mandate territory in Palestine, there was a mix-up over his papers and he spent several months in jail. It was not until 1941 that he was allowed to enlist in the Policy Carpathian Brigade which was forming up there. He served with this for two years in Palestine and in Egypt, but in 1943 transferred to the Polish Air Force, which was badly in need of supplementary air crew after the blood-letting of the previous year's bombing of Germany.

He came to England to train and was awarded his wings in 1941. He flew briefly with 304 Polish Squadron of Coastal Command but was robbed of further active service by the end of hostilities. For him, there could be no question of returning to Poland. Not only was the country in the hands of a Soviet puppet government, his own native city and the place he had spent his youth were now in the Soviet Union. But prospects in England were not bright for young men like him.

In 1946 he transferred to the RAF and retrained to fly helicopters. He served with distinction during the Malayan emergency, where helicopters played a vital role evacuating the wounded and supplying outposts in the jungle. After several other colonial postings, he was promoted and brought back to Britain. Between 1955 and 1958 he commanded two squadrons of helicopters of air-sea rescue along the east coast. Although he had reached the rank of Wing Commander and received a Queen's Commendation in 1962, he decided to retire from the service.

In 1956 he had married June Wilson, whom he had met during the war. Her parents would have the homesick young Polish airman stationed at RAF Hullavington over to tea at their nearby home of Norton Manor. In order to support his wife and two children, Jan Badeni embarked on a second career as a financial entrepreneur, at which he proved to be unexpectedly and breathtakingly successful. Through the Dublin and London stock exchanges, he arranged the reorganisation and refinancing of companies and he was soon in a position to retire comfortably at Norton.

It also permitted him to indulge his natural generosity. In the last twenty years of his life he devoted himself actively to various charitable causes, mostly Polish. In 1990 he became president of the Polish Association of the Order of Malta, for which he had worked for twenty years. In the following year he revisited Poland for the first time since 1939. But he also gave much of his time to local causes, and served for many years on the Catholic Diocesan Council of the Bishop of Bristol. A source of enormous satisfaction and openly admitted pride was his nomination by the Queen to the office of High Sheriff of Wiltshire in 1978. It made him feel more than just another Polish refugee.

He is survived by his wife June, and a son and daughter.

SIMONE GALLIMARD

Simone Gallimard, French publisher, died on October 23 aged 77. She was born on December 5, 1917.



SIMONE GALLIMARD was part of the Gallimard dynasty which dominated French publishing this century. She was the mother of Antoine Gallimard who ran Editions Gallimard. And, by her own efforts, she revived the ailing Mercure de France, which in more glorious days at the turn of the century had published the poet Guillaume Apollinaire. Editions Gallimard was already known as the custodian of France's modern literary heritage: Proust, Sartre and Camus had all appeared behind its discreet covers. But Mercure de France was to add immeasurably to its parent company's reputation.

Like many women of her generation, Simone Gallimard really had two lives. She was born into a middle-class family, Simone Corrn, the daughter of a government official. In 1939 she married Claude Gallimard, the only son of Gaston Gallimard, who had founded Editions Gallimard earlier in the century. For twenty years Simone brought up their four children. Then in 1962 she began her second life, when the family asked her to take over as chief executive of Mercure de France, an old publishing house founded in 1894 and bought by Gaston Gallimard in 1957.

Among the highbrow circles in which she moved, she realised how odd the appointment must have looked. She was, in her own words, "a woman, bourgeois and inexperienced". But she was also a shrewd manager, and she quickly assembled a strong staff, surrounding herself with experts. She determined to rejuvenate the list, without brutally breaking with the past. Initially, she avoided poetry and contemporary fiction — she did not want to follow fashion — but chose instead to keep the operation small, publishing books which she thought deserved to be published or brought back into print. She turned her hand to whatever had to be done around the building — editing, talking to the press and scouting for talent.

What she concentrated on was complete works, and volumes of works regrouped according to themes. These were painstaking projects, often with complex and costly make-up costs, and small immediate profit-making capacities. But it grounded the list on a solid, intellectual basis. There was the literary journal of Paul Léautaud; the complete works of Léon Bloy in 15 volumes (1964-75); the autobiographical works of August Strindberg (1990); and the complete works of Oscar Wilde (1992). In 1994, to celebrate the centenary of the publishing house, Simone Gallimard edited the entire *Tableaux de Paris* of Louis-Sébastian Mercier: more than 6,000 pages of impeccable publishing. This, she felt, would be the pinnacle of her career.

There were various imprints within the house: the *Domaine anglais* list provided a model for the later *Bibliothèque américaine*. In 1965 *Le Temps retrouvé* was launched to publish diaries, memoirs and letters. *La Grappe* was created for bibliophiles, and *Ivoire* for biographies. In the 1970s and 1980s Simone Gallimard played a bigger part in contemporary literature: Marguerite Duras, André du Bouchet and Pierre Jean Jouve were among her authors.

Predating several other embarrassing instances of a similar nature, Simone Gallimard was involved unwittingly in publishing a book written by a man, under the name of a woman. In 1975 the novelist Romain Gary presented Simone with a novel written by his so-called niece, "Emile Ajar". Gary claimed that his niece was too shy to give interviews, and Simone, suspecting nothing, published *La Vie Devant Soi* under Ajar's name. Only after publication did it emerge that Gary was the true author.

Simone Gallimard knew that in economic terms she was privileged to be able to publish the books she did. For about the last ten years, Mercure de France had to be annually refloated by its mother company. But among the French intelligentsia her work was regarded as an unqualified success.

She is survived by her two sons and two daughters.

WILLIAM MACKENZIE

***William MacKenzie*, horticulturist, died on October 16 aged 91. He was born on June 14, 1904.**



BILL MACKENZIE was a plantsman for his entire life, and had a fine clematis named after him. In 1968 MacKenzie discovered a vigorous seedling clematis with bright yellow flowers among plants of *Clematis tibetana vernayi* (*Clematis orientalis*) and *Clematis tangutica* at the Waterperry Horticultural School in Oxfordshire. His friend, the eminent horticulturist Valerie Finnis, who was on the staff of Waterperry at the time, propagated it and named it after him. *Clematis* "Bill MacKenzie", which is late flowering, was subsequently given the award of garden merit by the Royal Horticultural Society.

William Gregor MacKenzie was born in the head gardener's cottage on the Ballimore estate, on Loch Fyne in Argyllshire and became interested in plants and gardening as a child. He began as a vegetable boy on the estate, making sure the kitchen was supplied with fresh produce, and later was in line to become the butler.

MacKenzie, however, had his own career plans. In 1928 he began his studies at the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, and then became deputy foreman in the propagation department there, at the time when the plant collectors George Forrest, Captain Frank Kingdon Ward and Joseph Rock were sending back seed collections from Western China. It was MacKenzie's job to care for the seeds, a job he undertook with great enthusiasm. There were many new plants among the seeds never before seen in Britain, which are now common garden plants.

MacKenzie became assistant curator in charge of the rock garden and herbaceous department at Edinburgh and there he developed an interest in alpines. He raised *Gentiana* "Inverleith", which was given the Cory Cup (awarded to outstanding new hybrids) and the Award of Garden Merit by the RHS, and was considered to be the best blue gentian. He was one of the founders of the Scottish Rock Garden Club in 1933, and in later years he was vice-president of the Alpine Garden Society.

Eventually he moved south to become curator of the Chelsea Physic Garden, a position he held with distinction from 1946 to 1973. When he took over after the war he found the garden very neglected, but sheer hard work brought it back to the fine garden that it is today.

MacKenzie was a great friend of the Royal Horticultural Society. He served on its council for ten years and was a member of several committees: Floral B, joint rock, rock garden plant and scientific. A 90th birthday lunch for MacKenzie was held at the RHS garden at Wisley in June last year.

In his retirement MacKenzie enjoyed the garden at his home in Frimley Green, Surrey, a garden full of plants which provided colour and interest all the year round.

His wife predeceased him, and he is survived by his daughter.

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MOTORISTS AND USE OF "STOP" LIGHT MOVE TO AMEND THE LAW

The Appeal Court decision yesterday that the use of a "stop" light does not absolve the driver of a motor-car from the obligation to give a hand signal is likely to lead to an effort to obtain a modification of the law. It is improbable that there will be a further appeal.

An official of the Automobile Association stated that it was their considered opinion that in law——quite apart from the merits of this particular case——using a "stop" light was recognized as being an adequate substitute or alternative to the giving of a hand signal. In everyday practice it was unquestionably so.

The suggestion had been made that a hand signal was a safer indication of the intention to stop because it was made or could be made before the brakes were actually applied. In theory that sounded convincing, but in practice the "stop" light became illuminated immediately the brake was depressed and an appreciable time before the brakes began to retard the road wheels. Now that it had been held that a hand signal was necessary in addition to the indication given by the "stop" light, it was obviously desirable that the law should be amended to make it conform to common practice, and the association was considering what steps could best be taken to regularize the position.

In the House of Commons the answers of the Minister of Transport, to questions, appeared to indicate that the intention of the legislature was to recognize the "stop" light as a substitute for the hand signal. That encouraged the view that it might be possible to arrange for a modification in the law which would clearly establish the validity of the "stop" light.

The Highway Code stated: "Signals by drivers should be given with the arm extended from the side of the vehicle at least as far as the elbow, where mechanical indicators are not used." The obvious and reasonable inference was that the mechanical signal was the one generally to be expected.

There have been several recent decisions on motor matters which have been contrary to what drivers had imagined was established custom. The Southend magistrates have ruled that a temporary refuge constructed of wood in the middle of a pedestrian crossing is part of the carriageway. Last May the A.A. successfully appealed to the Kingston Quarter Sessions in a similar case. Two members had been fined for failure to give free and uninterrupted passage to pedestrians.

Two other cases are those in which it was laid down that a "Halt" signal must be obeyed even when a police-constable signals a driver on; and that contributory negligence by a pedestrian on a crossing is no defence in the case of an accident. The A.A. official suggested that in such a rapidly-growing industry as motoring, the legislative time-lag was more noticeable than in some other directions. He instanced the fact that under the Highways Act of 1835 a person who sees anyone in charge of a vehicle driving furiously to the danger of any member of the public may arrest the driver without warrant.

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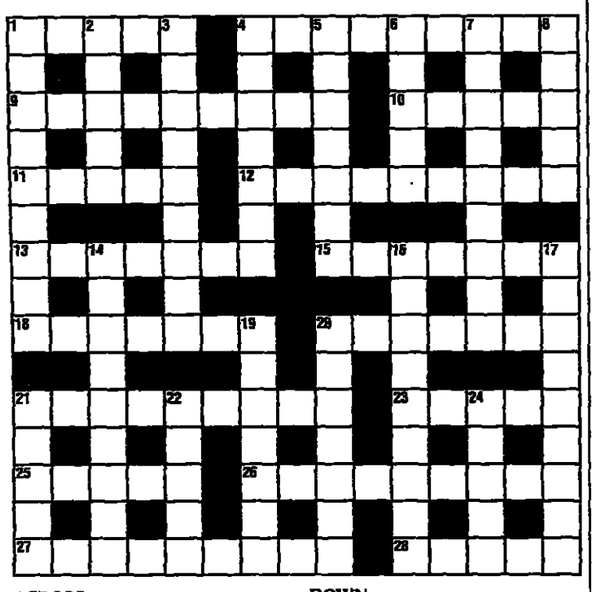
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ACROSS

1 Show impatience to be winner (5).
4 Car can be a lethal weapon (9).
9 Speak at length – clever to keep going (9).
10 A name held by the chief of a clan (5).
11 Run over (5).
12 Present, but awkwardly placed (2,3,4).
13 Poked in the kidneys, Miss March retorts (7).
15 Girl, like us a high-flyer (7).
18 Subscribed, do we hear, for this building? (7).
20 Labourer found working a strain (7).
21 The right plots one found in *Troilus and Cressida* (9).
23 Appeared old? That's a relief (5).
25 Parent who makes matches? (5).
26 Run, overwhelmed by terrible glance of hunter (9).
27 It may keep one on the crest of a wave (9).
28 Hard aport for vessel – a cutter (5).

DOWN

1 Dispenser of drink develops pub career ... (9).
2 ... in connection with a drinking session (5).
3 In pride, not a strange way of life (9).
4 Such humour in one's eyes! (7).
5 Infant lulled into false sense of security here? (7).
6 *Admit reefer is partly equivalent* to joint (5).
7 Brothers not on speaking terms (9).
8 Conservative and Socialists are divided (5).
14 Wealthy traveller's black dog (3-6).
16 Make do without being asked (9).
17 In separate instalments, have evening drink (9).
19 Worker sounding anxious to make tropical island (7).
20 Confident this person is covered (7).
21 Arab almost picked up paper (5).
22 Aboard ship, hour for a drink (5).
24 Many a harsh cry from this bird? (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,992

G	I	V	E	O	U	T		P	O	L	E	C	A	T
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Solution to Puzzle No 19,997

A	N	A	T	H	E	M	A		A	C	T	S	U	P
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S	A	Y	I	N	G		I	N	H	E	R	E	N	T

LAST WEEK'S WINNERS: N G Hanson, Abbotsbury, Weymouth; E Davies, Wrexham, Clwyd; P A Miles, Virginia Water, Surrey; M V Thomson, Leyburn, N Yorks; J Britton, Nottingham.

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

TODAY

Sun rises: 6.48 am — Sun sets: 4.42 pm
Moon sets: 8.29 pm — Moon rises: 11.27 am

First quarter October 30

London 4.42 pm to 6.48 am
Bristol 4.52 pm to 6.57 am
Edinburgh 4.42 pm to 7.12 am
Manchester 4.45 pm to 7.01 am
Penzance 5.07 pm to 7.36 am

TOMORROW

Sun rises: 6.48 am — Sun sets: 4.40 pm
Moon sets: 9.32 pm — Moon rises: 12.16 pm

First quarter tomorrow

London 4.40 pm to 6.50 am
Bristol 4.50 pm to 6.59 am
Edinburgh 4.40 pm to 7.14 am
Manchester 4.43 pm to 7.03 am
Penzance 5.05 pm to 7.08 am

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.15	6.97	4.57	7.22
Aberdeen	3.47	4.32	4.06	4.23
Avonmouth	9.33	13.04	10.03	12.97
Belfast	1.11	3.46	1.33	3.44
Cardiff	9.28	11.46	9.43	11.33
Devonport	8.11	5.49	8.43	5.26
Dover	1.35	6.36	1.52	6.68
Dublin	1.49	4.03	2.06	4.03
Falmouth	7.19	5.15	7.46	4.58
Glasgow	3.14	4.73	3.43	4.54
Harwich	2.02	4.51	2.24	4.11
Holyhead	6.27	9.65	7.03	9.65
Hull	6.39	7.59	6.57	7.32
Ilfracombe	8.29	11.38	8.44	9.11
King's Lynn	8.36	7.03	9.00	6.98
Leith	5.01	5.71	5.22	5.57
Liverpool	1.21	9.66	1.45	9.43
Lowestoft	-	-	0.03	2.82
Margate	2.09	4.83	2.36	4.62
Milford Haven	8.39	7.16	8.53	6.78
Newcastle	7.05	6.84	7.30	6.64
Oban	7.58	3.68	8.13	3.65
Penzance	7.03	5.41	7.26	5.15
Portland	9.08	2.97	9.33	1.87
Portsmouth	1.38	4.79	1.56	4.65
Shoreham	7.19	6.25	7.41	6.27
Southampton	0.52	4.61	1.14	4.53
Swansea	8.46	9.56	9.08	9.28
Tees	6.11	8.36	6.26	8.27
Wilton-on-Nze	1.59	3.34	2.25	3.42

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Manston, Kent, 19C (66F); lowest day max: Loch Glascarnoch, Highland, 8C (46F); highest rainfall: Bruce Norton, Oxfordshire, 0.52in; highest sunshine: Lauchlans, Fife, Shrewsbury and Fishguard, Dyfed, 6.3hr

FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will have a generally dry day, with good sunny spells apart from in the South West. Here, although it will start quite bright or sunny for a time, cloud and outbreaks of light rain will spread from the southwest during the morning.

The cloud and rain is expected to spread across much of the South during the afternoon.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have a dry and sunny day, with some showers getting into the northwest of Scotland later in the afternoon.

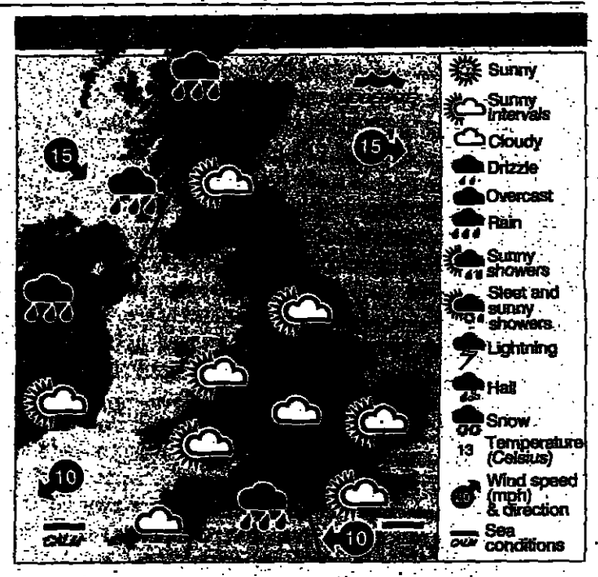
☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Central N, NE England:** dry with good spells of sunshine. Wind light and variable. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Central S England, Channel Isles, SW England:** generally cloudy with some rain. Wind east, moderate. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth:** dry with sunny spells. Wind gentle, southwest. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland, N Ireland:** sunny spells and showers. Wind moderate, west. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **Outlook:** rain spreading into central areas from Scotland on Sunday, and sunnier to the north and south on Monday.



AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	7.4	0.08	12	54	s	Littlehmptn	1.3	0.02	17	63	c
Anglesey	7.6	0.11	13	55	s	Liverpool	6.3	0.06	12	54	s
Aspatria	7.1	0.37	11	52	s	London	3.3	0.02	15	59	s
Aviemore	5.6	0.04	9	48	sh	Lowestoft	3.7	0.15	11	52	r
Belfast	8.1	-	11	52	s	Manchester	6.2	0.02	14	57	s
Birmingham	7.5	0.11	13	55	s	Margate	3.6	-	18	64	s
Bognor R	1.3	0.02	15	59	c	Morecambe	7.1	0.14	12	54	s
Bournem'th	X					Newcastle	6.5	0.14	10	50	sh
Bristol	5.2	0.02	15	59	s	Norwich	4.0	0.10	15	59	s
Buxton	7.0	0.07	11	52	s	Nottingham	X				
Cardiff	6.5	0.02	13	55	sh	Oxford	6.2	0.01	15	59	r
Clacton	2.9	0.01	16	61	du	Penzance	X	0.02	16	61	s
Cleethorpes	X					Plymouth	X				
Colwyn Bay	X					Poole	X				
Cromer	X					Prestatyn	X	0.08	13	55	b
Doncaster	X					Ross-o-wye	7.7	0.08	14	57	s
Eastbourne	-	0.08	17	63	d	Ryde	X				
Edinburgh	6.5	0.38	11	52	sh	Salcombe	4.1	0.30	16	61	b
Eskdalemuir	6.0	0.51	11	52	sh	Sandown	2.1	0.07	15	59	b
Exmouth	6.2	0.20	14	57	s	Saunton Snd	7.2	0.06	15	59	s
Falmouth	5.2	0.01	16	61	s	Scarboro'	6.6	-	13	55	s
Fishguard	6.3	0.05	12	54	s	Shanklin	X				
Folkestone	4.3	-	18	64	b	Shrewsbury	8.3	-	13	55	s
Glasgow	5.7	0.29	11	52	sh	Skegness	X				
Guernsey	X					Southend	-	0.03	16	61	r
Hastings	2.7	0.01	17	63	b	Southport	0.1	-	16	61	c
Hayling I.	2.2	0.02	15	59	b	Southsea	X				
Herne Bay	3.8	-	17	63	b	Stornoway	4.6	0.09	9	48	sh
Hunstanton	5.9	0.18	14	57	s	Sussex'gs	3.2	0.15	15	59	b
Ilfracombe	X					Teignmouth	6.6	0.11	16	61	s
Isle of Man	8.0	0.20	12	54	s	Tenby	8.2	0.06	15	59	s
Jersey	X					Tiree	4.9	0.11	10	50	sh
Kinloss	7.3	-	11	52	sh	Torquay	6.1	0.16	17	63	s
Leeds	6.6	0.02	13	55	s	Tynemouth	7.1	0.08	12	54	s
Lerwick	3.5	0.25	9	48	n	Ventnor	2.1	0.02	15	59	b
Leuchars	8.3	0.21	11	52	s	Weymouth	5.6	0.14	15	59	s

ABROAD

Ajaccio	21	70	f	Cologne	15	59	r	Luxor	37	98	s
Akrotiri	21	70	f	Corfu	17	63	f	Madrid	23	73	s
Alex'dria	24	75	f	C'phagn	13	55	f	Majorca	23	73	s
Algiers	29	84	s	Dublin	16	50	s	Malaga	23	73	f
Amst'dm	17	63	c	Dubrovnik	18	64	s	Malta	22	72	s
Athens	15	59	f	Faro	23	73	c	Melb'rne	13	55	c
B Aires	20	68	s	Florence	15	59	f	Mexico C	22	72	c
Bahrain	30	86	s	Frankfurt	17	63	s	Milan	16	61	s
Bangkok	28	79	f	Funchal	24	75	s	Montreal	13	55	X
Barbados	31	88	f	Geneva	16	61	c	Moscow	8	46	s
Barcelona	23	73	s	Gibraltar	21	70	f	Munich	19	66	s
Beirut	25	77	f	Helsinki	9	48	c	N Delhi	29	84	s
Belfast	10	50	f	Hong K	26	79	s	N York	14	57	s
Belgrade	14	57	s	Innsbruk	18	64	s	Nairobi	27	81	f
Berlin	18	64	s	Istanbul	12	54	f	Naples	20	68	s
Bermuda	26	79	f	Jeddah	39	102	s	Nice	20	68	s
Biarritz	25	77	s	Jo'burg	21	70	s	Oslo	13	55	r
Bord'x	23	73	f	Karachi	37	99	s	Paris	17	63	r
Brussels	17	63	c	L Angels	22	72	s	Peking	15	59	c
Budapst	13	55	s	L Palmas	28	79	f	Perth	27	81	s
Cairo	25	77	s	La Toquet	18	64	f	Prague	13	55	s
Cape Tn	19	66	s	Lisbon	22	72	c	Reykjavik	2	36	s
Ch'church	13	55	X	Locarno	16	61	s	Rhodes	20	68	s
Chicago	13	55	f	Luxembg	14	57	c	Rio de J	29	84	s

Riyadh	31	88	s	Split	19	66	s	Vienna	12	54	s
Rome	19	66	s	S Fr'sco	16	61	s	Warsaw	12	54	s
Salzburg	15	59	f	Santiago	21	70	c	Wash'ton	15	59	s
Seoul	21	70	s	Sing'por	28	82	t	Wellington	13	55	X
St'kholm	12	54	r	Strasb'g	17	63	X	Zurich	16	61	c
Sydney	20	68	c	Tangier	28	82	f				
Tel Aviv	26	79	f	Tenerife	27	81	s				
Tokyo	21	70	s	Toronto	13	55	c				
Tunis	24	75	s	Valencia	27	81	s				
Vanc'ver	12	54	f	Venice	16	61	f				

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THE TIMES

BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook — SATURDAY OCTOBER 28 1995

Union fears savage cuts in branches after merger

Bifu seeks to block TSB link to Lloyds

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

BIFU, the banking union, is threatening to stymie a private Bill, needed as part of Lloyds Bank's £13.6 billion plan to take over TSB, as staff step up their campaign to save jobs.

The bank needs a private Bill to be enacted by Parliament before it can begin to merge the two sets of branch networks and put customer accounts together in one new bank. Bifu fears the merger will result in the closure of 652 of the combined 3,000 branches and the loss of thousands of jobs.

Legally, unless it seeks an Act of Parliament, the combined bank could not move customer accounts into the new Lloyds TSB without writing to seek permission of every single customer.

Leif Mills, general secretary of Bifu, said the enactment of a private Bill by Parliament would be followed by "savage cutbacks" in branch numbers.

"If this does not go to the MMC [Monopolies and Mergers Commission] the Government does not have a competition policy, it has washed its hands of competition and left it all to the market," he said.

Ed Sweeney, deputy general secretary of Bifu, said it was "not a foregone conclusion" that Lloyds TSB would be able to get a private Bill through Parliament. He said it would take 18 months to get such a Bill before Parliament, by when there could be a change of government. The union believes a Labour government would be more sympathetic to its cause.

The union met Sir Brian Pitman, chief executive of Lloyds, Peter Ellwood, his opposite number at TSB, and Peter Bareau, group personnel manager at Lloyds, and John Penny, his opposite number at TSB, yesterday to outline its concerns about the takeover.

In a meeting in Lombard Street lasting one-and-a-half hours, Mr Sweeney said the bankers had "been long on vision but short on detail".

The banks refused to support the union's call for a referral of the deal to the MMC.

The union sought assurances that there would be no compulsory redundancies, and expressed concerns about branch closures. But the banks said that while they would try to avoid compulsory redundancies, they were unable to say there would be none.

Mr Bareau said it was too early to give detail on plans for branches. "We have a strategy, a vision, a direction and we have an awful lot of work to do to work it out."

Before making any decisions, he said, Lloyds TSB would consult with unions and would conduct extensive customer research.

Bifu was taking its battle to MPs next week, asking them to support the call for a referral to the MMC.

MARTIN BEDDALL

Leif Mills wants the merger referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission

Cordiant plans £100m cash call

BY MARTIN WALLER

CORDIANT, the renamed Saatchi & Saatchi advertising combine, is putting the last touches to a £100 million-plus rights issue to wipe out its heavy borrowings.

Rumours of the impending cash call, the company's third since March 1991, sent the shares diving 7p to 84p. The company said yesterday in response to the share price fall that it was not in breach of any of its banking covenants. "As part of its normal financial planning, Cordiant has developed proposals for its financial requirements for the long term," it said.

The proposals had been put to the banks for their approval and they would include raising new equity from the shareholders, expected some time over the next fortnight.

The most recent cash call, for £70 million in June 1993, came with a promise that no fresh funds would be raised from shareholders until 1996. The present management is not thought to regard a cash call so close to this deadline as unreasonable, given the company's problems.

The angry departure of Maurice and Charles Saatchi at the start of the year to form their own rival agency cost Cordiant £400-£500 million in lost revenues, including that of leading clients such as British Airways and Mars.

A £100 million rights issue would be a huge imposition, given Saatchi's market capitalisation at last night's close of £185 million. Shareholders are said to be supportive, including David Herro, the Chicago fund manager with 10 per cent whose actions precipitated the departure of the founding brothers.

The rights issue should be buttressed by a promise of a return to dividend payments for the 1996 financial year. Cordiant last paid a dividend in April 1990.

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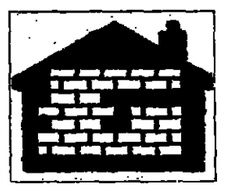
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BUSINESS TODAY

FT-SE 100	3497.9	(-21.7)
Yield	4.06%	
FT-SE A All-share	1720.27	(-10.30)
Nikkei	17337.19	(-369.49)
New York:		
Dow Jones	4729.83	(+26.01)*
S&P Composite	578.21	(+1.49)*
Federal Funds	5¹³⁄₁₆%*	(5⅝)
Long Bond	105⅝*	(105⅜)
Yield	6.45%*	(6.39%)
3-mth Interbank	6⅛	(6⅛)
Lilo long gilt future (Dec)	105³⁄₃₂	(105⅛)
New York:		
$	1.5795*	(1.5835)
London:		
$	1.5788	(1.5783)
DM	2.2160	(2.2003)
FFr	7.7130	(7.7500)
SFr	1.7918	(1.7871)
Yen	160.34	(160.23)
£ Index	83.8	(83.7)
London:		
DM	1.4035*	(1.3905)
FF	4.8710*	(4.8883)
SFr	1.1327*	(1.1305)
Yen	101.70*	(101.37)
$ Index	93.1	(93.2)

Tokyo close Yen 101.35

Brent 15-day (Jan) $16.15 ($16.10)

London close $382.25 ($383.05)

* denotes midday trading price.

Littlewoods to put bid to the vote

LITTLEWOODS, the retailer, is calling a special meeting of shareholders to take a vote on whether or not to pursue the £1.2 billion takeover proposal from a consortium headed by Barry Dale, the former chief executive of the company. (George Sivell writes).

The decision was taken at a meeting of the Littlewoods board committee yesterday. It is understood the extraordinary meeting is planned for early December at Liverpool. Littlewoods directors will require a simple 50 per cent vote before they will consider the Dale proposals.

In the event of Littlewoods doing so, directors will have to show the company books to Mr Dale, his advisers and backers as part of a due diligence proposal. Littlewoods directors feel they need permission from shareholders before they do this.

It is believed Littlewoods directors are close to completing their own review of the shareholder structure which may result in share buyback or partial share buyback proposals.

Strong US growth surprises Wall St

BY GEORGE SIVELL

WALL STREET was surprised yesterday by US economic growth of 4.2 per cent in the third quarter of the year.

Shares initially fell in response to the figures because analysts became concerned that such strong growth ruled out interest rate cuts. Economists had forecast growth around 2.6 per cent.

But in late afternoon trading the Dow had recovered from a fall to show a rise of 20 points. US treasury bonds similarly reversed early falls to show modest gains in late trading.

Market sentiment was improved a statement from President Bill Clinton. He said that the strong growth figure proved the US economy was "on the right track". He added: "I don't believe the growth figure should raise interest rates because inflation is low."

The US Commerce Department explained that the third-quarter GDP figure was helped by government spending, notably a batch of expenditure by the military, and stronger than expected holdings of stock by business. Many economists had forecast lower GDP because they thought that businesses, which had piled up large stocks of unsold inventories earlier in the year, would have been forced to reduce stocks in the third quarter.

The turbulence on Wall Street, however, added to the recent volatility seen on London markets and the FT-SE 100 index fell 21.7 points to close at 3497.9.

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Home loans from banks drop 9%

MORTGAGE lending by Britain's banks fell by 9 per cent last month, painting a picture of continuing depression in the housing market (Patricia Tehan writes).

Figures published yesterday by the British Bankers' Association, which represents leading British banks and includes nine of the 20 largest mortgage lenders, show seasonally adjusted net lending fell from £597 million in August to £546 million in September.

Roger Brown, director of the BBA's statistics and economics division, said new approvals numbers were also "unusually low", showing a 13 per cent fall in number to 29,336 and a 12 per cent fall in value. The average value of approvals rose slightly to £51,800, similar to the figure a year ago.

Mr Brown said it was difficult to guess at prospects for bank mortgage lending for the rest of the year as "it depends on all sorts of imponderables such as the Budget".

He said that while mortgage lending was falling, unsecured personal lending was increasing.

Calling all Scots

A new organisation has been set up to harness the skills and experience of expatriate Scots throughout the world. Scotland International was launched in Glasgow yesterday at an inaugural seminar at the City Chambers.

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Bids lodged for rail franchises

BY JONATHAN PRYNN
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE first formal private bids for passenger train services were delivered to the Government's merchant banking advisers yesterday.

A dozen bids for the first three British Rail franchises being offered for sale to the private sector arrived packed in cardboard boxes at the City offices of Samuel Montagu by the 3pm deadline.

Roger Salmon, the government-appointed rail franchise director who is overseeing the auction of franchises, will begin detailed talks with bidders next week. The Government hopes to appoint "preferred bidders" within a fortnight and reveal the identity of the winners in mid-December. The franchises are expected to be taken over in February or March.

The first three franchises are: Great Western Trains, which provides InterCity services to the South West and South Wales; South West Trains, an operator of express and commuter services to Surrey, Hampshire and the South Coast, and LTS Rail, a commuter operator providing services between London and Essex. The bidders for Great Western are: a management buyout team led by Brian Scott, its director; Sea Containers, the transport and leisure group headed by James Sherwood and whose bid is led by Christopher Garnett; Stagecoach, the coach company; and Resurgence Railways, a consortium led by a group of senior businessmen.

The bidders for South West Trains are: a management buyout team in partnership with Générale des Eaux, the French water company; National Express, the coach group, Sea Containers; and Stagecoach. The bidders for LTS Rail are a management buyout team led by Chris Kinchin-Smith, its director; Prism, a group of local bus companies; GB Railways, a consortium led by Canadians Max Steinhopf and Michael Shabers; and Stagecoach.

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Kevin Maxwell tells of discussion with Eddie George

BY OUR CITY STAFF

A WEEK after his father's death, Kevin Maxwell went personally to the Bank of England to discuss the group's problems with Eddie George, the then deputy governor, the Central Criminal Court heard yesterday.

Kevin Maxwell, who was accompanied by John Melbourn, a senior NatWest executive, and Mr George, now the Bank's Governor, went through a long list of problems, some of which had already been notified to the Bank by other banks.

Asked by Alun Jones, QC, what the Bank's attitude was, Kevin Maxwell replied: "First of all they thought it was responsible to have come to tell them directly, face to face, the problems they were hearing from other banks. They encouraged me, and specifically the company, to work closely and rely on John Melbourn. Eddie George said he had tremendous experience in handling this type of situation and we could not have a better man to help us."

Earlier this week, Kevin Maxwell accused Mr Melbourn of "threatening" him and refusing to hand back shares that the bank had been holding as a security, even after a promised amount had been repaid.

He claimed Mr Melbourn threatened that the NatWest would not support a standstill proposal unless Kevin Maxwell withdrew instructions over the payment of an inter-company debt.

In his tenth day of giving evidence, the publisher's youngest son accused Barclays Bank of demanding money — also in the troubled days after his father's death in November 1991 — in "circumstances as close to commercial blackmail as I have ever experienced".

He said Barclays, too, threatened to "destroy" the standstill proposals unless they got a share of money held by MCC at NatWest. "Their attitude was they were going to be damned if all the proceeds went to NatWest and none to them. It was extremely tough. It was threatening and, as I said, commercial blackmail," Kevin Maxwell said.

He and the MCC board had agreed the payment to Barclays in the face of the threats, he said.

Earlier, the Maxwell Group's relationship with Barclays had been more cordial. At one stage, Barclays lending, which Kevin Maxwell described as "heroic", peaked at £500 million. But by 1991 it had dropped to about £200 million. Kevin Maxwell put down the "explosive growth" of the bank's lending in the 1980s to his father's close friendship with Sir John Quinton, Barclays' chairman.

The court has already heard extracts from hundreds of letters of condolence received after Robert Maxwell's death. Further extracts from letters written by Lord Rippon, QC, a member of the MCC board, and from Peter Walker, a former cabinet minister, were read out.

Kevin Maxwell, 36, his brother Ian, 39, and Larry Trachtenberg, 42, a former Maxwell financial adviser, deny conspiracy to defraud the pension funds by misusing shares.

The trial was adjourned until Monday.



Dan Sullivan has seen Chamberlain's value drop from £74 million to £41.5 million

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Charges nearly halve profits at Govett

GOVETT & COMPANY, the Anglo-American fund management and insurance group, reported a sharp fall in profits to $14 million from $27.29 million for the half year to June 30. A $3 million charge against the aborted acquisition of Duff & Phelps Corporation, which would have formed a $50 billion fund management company, contributed to the decline. Business was also significantly hampered by a protracted legal battle with the American Endeavour Fund which ended this week when remaining claims against it were dismissed by a California court.

Earnings fell to 70.4 cents a share from $1.22. The interim dividend is held at 35.2 cents a share even though Arthur Trueger, executive chairman, said that, in spite of the company's best efforts, the board "cannot be confident about the company's prospects for the full year". The shares fell 5p to 279p.

Tuegel bail refused

A GERMAN facing charges relating to an alleged multi-million bank fraud in Britain was refused bail yesterday. Peter Tuegel, 48, who gave a Torquay address, was remanded in custody until November 24. Mr Tuegel is charged with conspiring with Peter Martens, a fellow German, who has already been charged, to defraud investors induced into taking out agreements with a number of firms. The offences are alleged to have taken place between January 1, 1994, and September 15, 1995.

Reuters 15% ahead

MORE companies plugging into information management systems, especially in Russia and Eastern Europe, helped Reuters to lift revenue 15 per cent for the third quarter of the year to £677 million. The news agency and financial services information group tempered its trading update with a warning that the second half would produce a lower rate of growth than the first and that market conditions were uncertain. Judged against the same quarter last year and stripping out flattering exchange movements, the company achieved growth of 12 per cent.

Watchdog raps Merrill

JAPAN'S securities watchdog has advised the Finance Ministry to punish the Tokyo branch of Merrill Lynch Japan, a branch of the US brokers, for improper trade in securities. The Securities and Exchange Surveillance Commission (SESC) said that, several times between May 1989 and February 1995, the branch bought securities of firms with whom it had contracts to underwrite new issues, actions outside the scope of permissible price stabilisation deals. The punishment may be a temporary suspension of business.

Frankfurt dealer probe

THE threat of an insider trading scandal loomed over the Frankfurt Stock Exchange, the third such investigation under a new law, as public prosecutors broadened a probe into suspected insider trade by an official broker. Prosecutors have extended their investigation to target investment advisers at a Frankfurt bank associated with the dealer. "At least one and possibly several are involved," said a spokesman for the Frankfurt prosecutor's office. "It is also possible that we will extend the insider probe to other dealers."

Hewetson shares slump

SHARES of Hewetson fell to 39p from 60p yesterday after the supplier of goods and services to the construction industry warned shareholders that profits would fall "substantially below current market expectations". The company has suffered a sudden decline in demand for timber window frames, which has hit Thomas Lowe Joinery, a subsidiary. Trading at other subsidiaries was buoyant, the company said. In the year to March 31, Hewetson earned pre-tax profits of £1.4 million.

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Upton poised for expansion

BY MARTIN BARROW

UPTON & SOUTHERN, which staved off collapse this summer after putting the Reject Shop chain into receivership just 15 months after it was acquired, said it was now ready to move forward with new acquisitions.

Ron Trenter, chairman, who was appointed to the post in the spring, said: "We are now in a position to consider the further development of the group and are in the course of implementing an acquisition strategy so as to substantially increase critical mass and operating performance.

"This has probably been the most challenging and traumatic year in the company's 126-year-history and I am grateful for the loyalty and support of our shareholders, bankers, suppliers and staff."

Upton & Southern, based in Middlesbrough, now comprises the holding company, a department store group E Upton & Sons, which operates three department stores in North East England as well as three small stores, and Uniquegrid, a retail property holding business.

Yesterday the company reported results for the year to July 29, showing a pre-tax loss of £9.6 million, compared with a loss of £4 million in the previous 18 months. Losses per share were cut to 8p from 20.7p and there is again no dividend for shareholders.

Latest figures incorporate £3.3 million trading losses of The Reject Shop up to the date of its receivership and a £6.1 million write-off of its investment in the failed business — including goodwill of £5.5 million previously written off in reserves.

The shares were unchanged at 2½p yesterday.

Shoemaker plummets on warning

MORE than a quarter of the stock market value of Chamberlain Phipps was lost yesterday when the shoemaker issued an unexpected profits warning (Sarah Bagnall writes).

The shares fell 35p to 93p — their lowest level since the company floated in 1994 at 165p a share. The stock market value has fallen from £74 million at flotation to £41.5 million. The company, whose chairman is Dan Sullivan, gave warning that first-half and full-year profits would be lower than last year.

Before the announcement, the City was forecasting pre-tax profits of £14 million (£12.4 million) for the year to March 31, 1996. The company, which blames uneven demand, said it would announce a fall in first-half operating profits before one-off charges on December 6. The interim dividend is held at 2.7p.

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Gathering of the clans

BY MAGNUS LINKLATER

A NEW organisation set up to harness the skills and experience of expatriate Scots throughout the world was launched in Glasgow yesterday.

Scotland International has been formed to establish an international network of Scots who hold top positions in international business and to put them in touch with the directors of companies in their native country.

An inaugural seminar in Glasgow's city chambers was told that the chairmen of some of the world's most powerful companies have Scots blood and were keen to help to pass on the benefits of their skills and experience to Scottish companies. Amongst those attending were Sir William Purves, group chairman of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Holdings, Sir Adrian Swire, chairman of John Swire & Sons, Sir Denys Henderson, chairman of the Rank Organisation, and Euan Baird, chairman and chief executive of Schlumberger.



Purves: attended meeting

Announcing the launch of Scotland International, Sir Charles Fraser, vice-chairman of United Biscuits, said: "We want Scots who have succeeded abroad to make contact with the Scotland of the future rather than just enjoy the romance of its past. Our best export has always been people. Now we want to draw on that resource."

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Australia $	2.21	2.04
Austria Sch	18.54	15.04
Belgium Fr	48.38	44.08
Canada $	2.286	2.106
Cyprus Cypt	0.746	0.691
Denmark Kr	9.19	8.39
Finland Mkk	7.23	6.58
France Fr	8.17	7.52
Germany Dm	2.36	2.15
Greece Dr	380.00	355.00
Hong Kong $	12.85	11.86
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94
Israel Shk	5.1810	4.5910
Italy Lira	2615.00	2460.00
Japan Yen	174.00	158.00
Malta	0.593	0.538
Netherlds Gld	2.625	2.395
New Zealand $	2.54	2.32
Norway Kr	10.38	9.58
Portugal Esc	244.50	226.00
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.42
Spain Pta	192.50	182.50
Sweden Kr	11.09	10.29
Switzerland Fr	1.92	1.74
Turkey Lira	refer	76395.0
USA $	1.678	1.548

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THE SUNDAY TIMES

Norman's conquest

'It was the biggest risk of his career. He had never run a grocery retailing group before, in fact never been in charge of a company. But four years after taking the top job at Asda, Archie Norman has revitalised its fortunes and seen his personal profile soar . . .'

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Lord Taylor, the Lord Chief Justice, has reserved judgment on the "Guinness Four"

Collusion alleged at the Guinness appeal

Melvyn Marckus reports from the Royal Courts of Justice on a landmark hearing

There was speculation among members of the Bar that the Guinness appeal, with its 113-day "Trial of the Century" pedigree, might run for anything up to a month. Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the Lord Chief Justice, let it be known at the outset that he would like the hearing to fall within the allotted two weeks, preferably without the court sitting on Fridays. Not entirely by sheer coincidence, Lord Taylor's wishes were granted and, at around 3.30 on Thursday afternoon, an extraordinary debate about practices in the City, practices in Whitehall, and the law's bearing on both, drew to a close.

In Lord Taylor's words: "It will come as no surprise to anyone that the court will take a little time to consider its decision." Judgment has been reserved, which means an undetermined wait for what learned counsel describe as the "appellants" and the riff-raff from the Fourth Estate describe as the "Guinness Four".

The "Guinness Four", should the repercussions of Guinness's £2.7 billion takeover battle for control of Distillers in 1986 have passed you by, are Ernest Saunders, Guinness's former chief executive, Gerald Ronson, the Heron property magnate, Anthony Parnes, a former stockbroker, and Jack Lyons, a financier and consultant. Whatever the wait, it will be as nothing compared to the wait on Michael Howard, QC, the Home Secretary, who took almost two years to decide to refer the application. This is about twice as long as might be expected for applicants convicted of sticking dirks into vital organs. Howard's procrastination — brought to an end after proceedings for a judicial review were initiated against him — served to give the impression, for right or wrong, that this was an appeal the Government did not want aired.

In the event, it has been aired, in not inconsiderable detail, and Lord Taylor, along with Mr Justice Macpherson and Mr Justice Potter, are left to mull over five submissions — let us not forget the prosecution in the shape of the Serious Fraud Office — accompanied by a haystack of law.

There were two threads to the appeal: "non-disclosure" and "abuse of process". By mutual agreement among the appellants, Parnes, represented by Nicholas Purnell, QC, led the way on non-disclosure, a crucial aspect of which related to the fact that the SFO did not disclose details of the "TWH Tribunal" to the defendants until the 54th day of Guinness II. The tribunal, chaired by Lord Grantchester in 1988, focused on seven share support operations carried out by TWH, a licensed dealer, all of which involved indemnities given by Lord Spens, then with Henry Ansbacher. The key finding was: "In our opinion, there is nothing intrinsically improper in the purchase and sale of shares in the market under an indemnity arrangement . . ."

Saunders, represented by Jonathan Caplan, QC, was the flag bearer on abuse of process. The European Commission on Human Rights ruled that the use of incriminating evidence obtained under the DTI inspectors' compulsory powers "substantially impaired" Saunders' ability to defend himself in Guinness I. He was thus "deprived of a fair hearing" and the case has been referred to the European Court of Human Rights, a hearing that has been delayed until next February.

The court learnt that, in the wake of Mr Howard's referral, the prosecution disclosed some 2,000 pages of documents, in addition to the TWH data, including those covered by a public interest immunity certificate (PIIC) signed by John Redwood, the former Minister for Corporate Affairs, in October 1989.

The appellants claim that this material, extracts from which are published below, reveals that in January 1987, liaison between the DTI inspectors, the DTI and the DPP/CPS resulted in a deliberate decision to postpone a criminal investigation by the police. It is alleged that the DPP/CPS decided not to forward the inspectors' transcripts of evidence, which had been received from the DTI, to the police. Such tactics, it is argued, permitted the DTI inspectors, who enjoy significantly wider powers than the police and can compel witnesses to answer questions under pain of imprisonment, to collect uncautioned evidence from the suspects.

The Ghosts of Guinness Hearings Past flitted in and out of the Lord Chief Justice's court. Saunders appeared for his submission, disappeared, but returned for Thursday's finale. Lord Spens and Roger Seelig, who starred in the abortive Guinness II trial, were to be seen, on occasions, listening attentively from the back of the court. Lord Spens was acquitted; Mr Seelig left in limbo. Parnes, who has always claimed that indemnities were common City practice, attended throughout. Ronson was not present, but Lord Mishcon, his lawyer, was.

It was the documents relating to the Government's approach to the Guinness saga that inevitably made the headlines. Counsel for the appellants all had their say. As Jonathan Caplan, QC, representing Saunders, put it: "This was a case where there was an agenda and the agenda was inquisition followed by prosecution." John Mathew, QC, representing Ronson, talked of "manipulation" and accused the prosecution of "sheltering" behind Mr Redwood's PIIC. But it was Anthony Scrivener, QC, representing Jack Lyons, who threw niceties to the wind and bluntly informed the bench that the documentation from Whitehall clearly illustrated that the DTI and the prosecution authorities were "in cahoots". Mr Scrivener drew the court's attention to the letter from Michael Howard, a former DTI minister, to Douglas Hurd, the then Home Secretary, of February 23, 1987. Lord Taylor asked Mr Scrivener if he was alleging an "improper conspiracy". His reply was that he preferred the word "collusion".

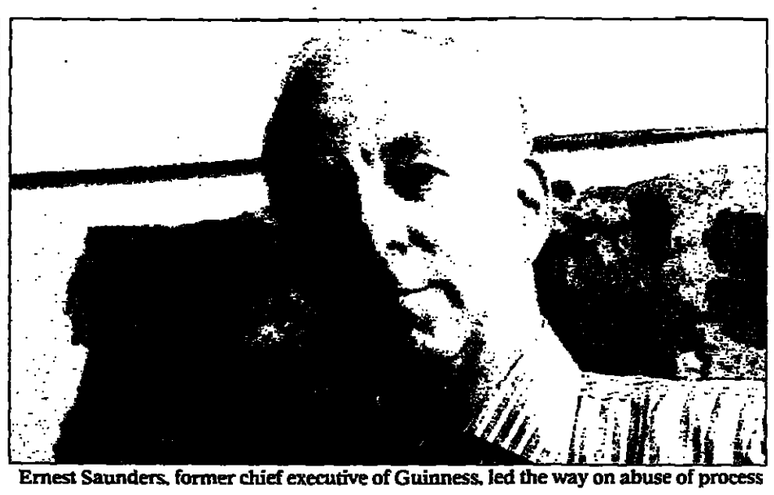
On Thursday, as the hearing drew to a close (with certain written evidence still to be submitted), Mr Scrivener returned to the attack and quoted 21 extracts of documents to the court to illustrate claims that the police had been held back. For good measure, he read out a further 14 extracts to support his allegation that this was the result "of collusion between DTI and DPP officers and inspectors".

Nicholas Purnell, QC, representing Parnes, emphasised the importance of the TWH material to the issue of whether share indemnities were "all the rage" — material not disclosed until December 1991. He said: "Had this material been available to the defence, it would have affected both the summing up and Parnes's decision as to whether or not to give evidence."

It was Mr Purnell's portrayal of the City's confusion over indemnities and the scale of their use that caused Lord Taylor to observe that this was "rather terrifying". Mr Purnell referred to a Bank of England meeting on June 2, 1987, relating to Ansbacher's involvement in indemnity-linked transactions, presided over by Brian Quinn, head of banking supervision. It was acknowledged at the meeting that Section 151 of the Companies Act — which prohibits a company from purchasing its own shares — was a "grey area", the interpretation of which was unclear.

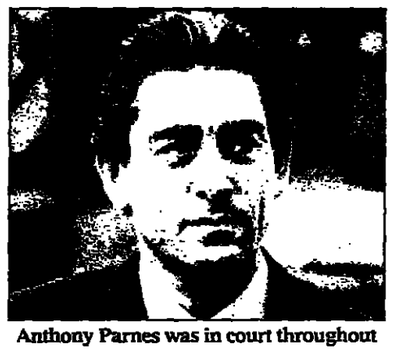
Sydney Kentridge, QC, representing the Serious Fraud Office, delivered a measured rebuttal, arguing that the Whitehall documents resulted from a "shameless fishing expedition". He also argued that the documents made it clear that John Chadwick, QC, had given proper advice to the authorities. In his words: "To suggest any abuse or impropriety or wrongful holding back is entirely without foundation."

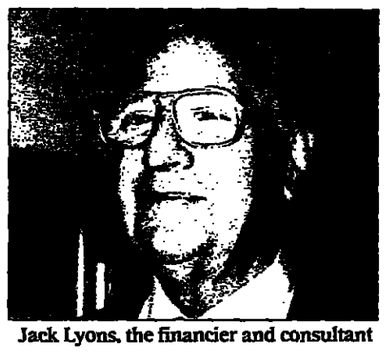

Lord Taylor set to mull over a haystack of law


Ernest Saunders, former chief executive of Guinness, led the way on abuse of process


Kentridge: prosecutor


Gerald Ronson, founder of the Heron property combine


Anthony Parnes was in court throughout


Jack Lyons, the financier and consultant

Extracts from 2,000 documents submitted by the Crown

EXTRACT of memo from Jonathan Rickford, solicitor to the DTI, to Mr Hilton, of the DTI, dated January 13, 1987, that records a telephone conversation with David Donaldson, QC, and Ian Watt, the DTI inspectors, and discussions with Michael Howard and John Wood, Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions.

Donaldson made the following points:

☐ Here was the first concrete evidence of very substantial potential criminal transactions.

☐ A public announcement that the matter was in the hands of the DPP would be likely to encourage the witnesses to be unhelpful.

After discussion of this with Mr Howard [and DTI officials] yesterday evening, I agreed to draw this material to the attention of the DPP . . .

Mr Wood agreed that we should continue to keep a close eye on the progress of the inspectors but given that the inspectors were more likely than anybody else effectively to get to the bottom of the matter, that no action should be taken which would prejudice that outcome.

Extracts from note of meeting between Jonathan Rickford and David Donaldson and Ian Watt, the DTI inspectors, dated January 19, 1987.

Jonathan Rickford made it clear that the department was not seeking to, and could not, affect the way in which the inspectors conducted their inquiry and the areas into which they made inquiry. DD noted this point and in particular said that for their part the inspectors would not be swayed by any pressure which the DTI may place upon them.

Extract from internal memo from Sarah Brown of the DTI to Mr Howard's private secretary, dated January 21, 1987.

As agreed with the minister at the meeting on Monday, Mr Rickford, Mr Woolman, Mr Clark [DTI officials] and I discussed with John Wood, Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions, yesterday the preparation for prosecutions in this case and the interrelationship between prosecutions and the work of the inspectors. The discussion was constructive and Mr Wood was very ready to be co-operative. (The Solicitor-General had previously had a word with him.)

Extracts of a note of meeting at the DTI on January 30, 1987 between DTI officials, John Wood and Rosalind Wright of the DPP's office and David Donaldson, QC, and Ian Watt.

☐ We must decide when we should start a criminal investigation. Four counsel have been lined up: John Chadwick, QC, Barbara Mills, QC, Elizabeth Gloster and Victor Temple. They have promised to give this case priority.

☐ Main targets/issue: Essentially for us; DTI looking at it from the civil point of view. General discussion about possible offences: we should not be looking at regulatory offences, but at a general conspiracy, either to defraud or to obtain property by deception. Later, we could look at the regulatory offences (eg, S157 CA [Companies Act]).

☐ DD QC: Conspiracy, preferably to defraud, is probably the safest option. Enormous problems with S151.

Extracts of memo from Mrs Brown to Mr Howard's private secretary, dated February 4, 1987.

The inspectors said that they were now clear broadly what happened in about 85 per cent of the case . . . They expected the evidence they obtained to be sufficient for a civil case, but recognised that more was needed to bring criminal charges. This was not their job. The police would need to be brought in for this purpose. It was agreed, however, that the police should not be asked to start inquiries yet . . . If it were known that the police were making inquiries, it might well inhibit the witnesses and so impede the investigation.


Howard: DTI role


Mills: priority

Extract from internal DTI memo from Roger Woolman to Mr Rickford, dated February 11, 1987.

I suggested to Wood that we should make provisional arrangements now for a meeting a few days after February 25 between counsel, the inspectors, the DPP and DTI. Wood was obviously reluctant to commit himself. He said he would put it to Chadwick, but he said he thought it might be preferable to have contact on a "counsel to counsel basis". He also said that he thought the police should be brought in to the case straight after the conference on February 25. This is pretty unsatisfactory . . .

Extracts from a letter from Mr Howard to Douglas Hurd, the then Home Secretary, dated February 23, 1987.

The question of when to bring in the police is a very sensitive one. We want to get ahead as quickly as possible, but too early police involvement could make it more difficult for the inspectors — who have stronger powers than the police — to get at the facts. I understand also that the DPP is concerned that there might be problems about admissibility of evidence if the police were involved at a time when the inspectors are still interviewing the witnesses.

These are not matters which should be aired in public. It is essential that none of us comment publicly on how the investigation is being run or what stage has been reached, unless it is agreed by all concerned that a statement is desirable.

Extracts from memo of meeting between DTI and CPS officials and counsel, dated February 25, 1987.

John Chadwick: All counsel feel strongly that there should be no input to the inspectors' investigation from the DPP. There is no harm in the inspectors reporting to the DPP through the DTI and providing transcripts of evidence, but such communications should be on a formal basis and well-minuted so that it can later be shown exactly what was passed on. This should also help establish that there was no flow of information or instructions from the DPP to the inspectors.

Extract from internal memo to Mrs Brown, dated March 3, 1987, recording a meeting on February 27, 1987.

Mr Howard said he was concerned at the implications of counsel's advice that police inquiries should not start until the inspectors had completed the stage of interviewing all the witnesses.

Extract of internal DTI memo from Jonathan Rickford to Mrs Brown, dated March 6.

The inspectors are now much more optimistic about breaking Saunders completely. This development confirms the wisdom of leaving the inspectors to get on with it rather than putting in the police and suggests that we should be hesitant to do the latter until we are absolutely convinced that there is a net advantage in doing so.

Extract of memo, dated March 20, 1987, from DTI inspectors to Mr Woolman at the DTI.

David and I are convinced that the start of police inquiries in even one discrete area will have just as big an adverse effect on our remaining witnesses as any broad inquiry . . . For the present, we urge that we be left with a clear field, since we are at an important stage in our interviewing of certain key witnesses.

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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Wall Street's gyrations spoil the traders' party


Roland's man wins for the Channel 5 consortium

THE City's high-flyers celebrated the ninth anniversary of Big Bang in style at London's Cafe Royal last night. But there was little cause for celebration among most traders at the end of a difficult week for many.

As the champagne began flowing, market-makers were still licking their wounds and counting the cost of an expensive week that has seen many of them lose a packet.

Much of the damage in the London market has been inflicted by Wall Street, where worries about a further weakening of the dollar and the economic turmoil in Mexico have taken their toll.

London again took its lead yesterday in early trading from New York, where an overnight fall of nearly 50 points in the Dow Jones average caused problems for market-makers.

Later in the session they had to contend with news of another sharp jump in the US growth numbers during the third quarter. It lifted the annual growth rate from 1.3 per cent to 4.2 per cent, way above brokers' forecasts.

Wall Street felt confident enough to shrug off these figures and enjoy an early mark-up. This enabled the FT-SE 100 index to reduce a fall of almost 35 points at one stage. Even so, it ended the session below the 3,500 level, with a fall of 21.7, at 3,497.9, a loss on the week of 53.5.

The equity market has now fallen almost 100 points since hitting its all-time high of 3,593.0 on Wednesday of last week. Turnover yesterday was less than 600 million shares.

Cordiant, the former Saatchi & Saatchi advertising agency, was an early casualty, falling 7p to a new low of 84p. The company has confirmed plans to raise fresh capital and has submitted its proposals to the banks. The shares came under pressure earlier this week amid talk that the group financial restructuring had hit a snag.

Pearson stood out with a rise of 10p to 635p and **MAI** added 11p to 323p as the Channel 5 Broadcasting consortium celebrated the news that its £22 million bid to run the new Channel 5 by the Independent Television Commission had been successful.

Pearson, MAI, Thames Television and CLT make up the Channel 5 Broadcasting consortium, which is headed by Greg Dyke, the man credited with saving TVam by introducing Roland Rat. UKTV, led by SelecTV, was thought to be favourite to win the franchise after bidding £36 million. **SelecTV** ended 3¾p lower at 30¾p.

Granada, which had linked up with BSkyB and bid £2 million, lost 5p at 670p. **BSkyB**, still coming to terms with the Office of Fair Trading's decision to block its distribution deal with Walt Disney, lost another 15p at 370p.

This week's takeover favourite, **Legal & General**, ran into profit-taking, losing 9p at 662p. City speculators claim it could soon find itself the target of a bid from **National Westminster**, which saw its shares continue to lose ground with a fall of 10p at 627p. NatWest is expected to raise $4 billion from the sale of NatWest Bancorp, its US subsidiary. Brokers say the proceeds from this sale may be used to help to finance the acquisition of Legal & General.

There seems to be little doubt that NatWest is on the lookout for suitable acquisitions. Fund management is an area that brokers agree NatWest needs to move into and in recent weeks its name has been linked with **Gartmore**, 1p lighter at 291p, where Banque Indosuez has put its controlling stake up for sale.

A bid for **Henderson Administration**, 5p lighter at £12.45, cannot be ruled out, they say. At these levels Henderson is valued at £260 million, which compares with a price tag of £3.3 billion for Legal & General.

Elsewhere in financials, **Commercial Union** firmed 3p to 607p after a helping hand from Credit Lyonnais Laing (CLL), the broker, which says the shares are the best option in the insurance market over the long term. Previously, CLL had been recommending **Royal Insurance**, 3p easier at 380p.

BTR firmed 3p to 329p as the arbitrageurs began unwinding their positions following the completion of the group's recent acquisition of its Australian Nynex subsidiary.

Reuters slipped 2p to 557p after Peter Job, chief executive, cast doubts on the group's ability to achieve double-digit revenue growth in 1996.

Mr Job described market conditions as relatively uncertain. Revenues during the third quarter grew from £590 million to £677 million, with revenue for the nine months up 17 per cent at £1.97 billion.

The company is giving a presentation for brokers on Monday. They will no doubt be asking the company if it intends to resume its share buyback programme during the months ahead.

Hewetson tumbled 18p to 42p after warning that profits were likely to fall substantially short of current market expectations.

Chamberlain Phipps dropped 35p to 93p on news of a profits shortfall and **Lister** fell 5p to 25p following a gloomy statement to shareholders at the annual meeting.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** An early bout of profit-taking saw prices lower at the outset. The falls accelerated throughout the morning ahead of those worse than expected third-quarter US growth numbers. However, prices managed to close above their worst, helped by the appearance of a few late bargain-hunters.

In the futures pit, the December series of the long gilt fell £$^5/_{16}$ to £105$^{29}/_{32}$ as a total of 61,000 contracts were completed.

Among conventional issues, Treasury 8 per cent 2013 was almost £¾ down at one stage, before closing £$^9/_{16}$ lower at £97⅝. At the shorter end, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was $^1/_{16}$ off at £102$^5/_{32}$.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Shares on Wall Street followed the weakness in bonds in reaction to strong third-quarter GDP figures. The Dow Jones industrial average was 26 points lower by midday at 4,729.83.

Asda, the supermarket chain, resisted the downward pull of the market with a rise of 2½p to 102½p on turnover of almost 19 million shares. It has NatWest Securities, the broker, to thank for lifting its pre-tax profit forecast for the current year by £20 million to £304 million and for next by £43 million to £368 million.

MOVERS OF THE WEEK

	Current price	Week's change	
Hewetson	42p	-18p	Profits warning
Chamberlain Phipps	93p	-52p	Profits downturn
British Gas	239p	-13p	Regulator fears over supply price
T&N	148p	-19p	Company faces asbestosis payout
Wolseley	395p	+18p	City approves profits rise
ASW Holdings	167p	-20p	Brokers downgrade forecasts
Cordiant	84p	-14p	Rights issue expected
Thorn EMI	£14.63	-88p	Stock overhang in market
Glaxo Wellcome	846p	+49½p	Zantac patent dispute settled

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	4729.83 (+26.01)
S&P Composite	578.21 (+1.49)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	17337.19 (-389.49)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	9680.75 (-93.73)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	444.51 (-3.88)
Sydney:	
AO	2067.4 (-19.0)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2096.08 (-35.76)
Singapore:	
Straits	2105.43 (+4.96)
Brussels:	
General	7723.73 (-25.42)
Paris:	
CAC-40	1742.38 (-11.74)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	679.50 (-12.70)
London:	
FT 30	2565.5 (-5.8)
FT 100	3497.9 (-21.7)
FT-SE Mid 250	3864.3 (-21.0)
FT-SE-A 350	1740.8 (-10.5)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1363.93 (-10.48)
FT A All-Share	1720.27 (-10.30)
FT Non Financials	1826.63 (-10.89)
FT Fixed Interest	110.60 (-1.04)
FT Govt Secs	93.07 (-0.28)
Bargains	25717
SEAQ Volume	617.1m
USM (Datastrm)	184.24 (+0.08)
US$	1.5800 (+0.0060)
German Mark	2.2128 (+0.0057)
Exchange Index	83.8 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.1805
£:SDR	1.0506
RPI	150.6 Sep (3.9%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	149.2 Sep (3.1%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Abtrust Asian Sml	92	...
Abtrust Asian Wts	32	...
Cons Coal (50)	65	+ 1
Creos International	111	...
Euro Sales Fin	125	...
German Sir Wts	17	- 1
Hay & Robertson	38	...
Indpt Radio	117	+ 3
MultiMedia (45)	61	...
Murray Vct	103	...
Preston Nth (400)	400	...
Upton & Sthn Wts	½	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

First Choice n/p (60)	5	- 1½
Stordata Sols n/p (12)	6	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Tadpole Tech	75p (+8p)
Asprey	110p (+9p)
Chiroscience	279p (+22p)
Danka Bs Sys	514p (+25)
GKN	797p (+8p)
Shield Diag	88p (+8p)
Andrew Sykes	250p (+15p)
Diploma	433p (+9p)
Acal	503p (+9p)
FALLS:	
Hewetson	42p (-18p)
T & N	148p (-12p)
Jardine Math	378¼p (-19p)
Ferguson Intl	225p (-9p)
Filtronic Com	448p (-17p)
Kingfisher	470p (-16p)
Evans Halshaw	391p (-12p)
Sage Group	271p (-8p)
Telspec	903p (-25p)
Blenheim Gp	254p (-7p)
ADT	875p (-23p)
Celltech	473p (-12p)
Porvair	395p (-10p)
Micro Focus	800p (-15p)
Mitel	324p (-8p)
Chamb Phipps	93p (-35p)
Cordiant	84p (-7p)
GEI Int	119p (-7p)

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TEMPUS

Pearson's TV licence

PEARSON is behaving out of character; the media and leisure conglomerate seems to have backed a winner and, more unusually, it has not overpaid.

The award of the Channel 5 licence to the consortium headed by Pearson and Lord Hollick's MAI Group was a surprise to those observers who had expected UKTV to steal the show. The Pearson joint bid of £22 million was some £14 million below the offer from UKTV but was matched by Virgin Television.

Pearson's success will ensure a home for programmes produced by its television off-shoots, Thames and Grundy, as well as more specialist fare generated by Financial Times Television.

Viewers could be threatened with more Australian soap and bobbies from *The Bill*, but Pearson needs the extra terrestial channel if it is to make a success of its growing television and screen-based media interests. Channel 5 gives the strategy the stamp of credibility that Pearson needs.

The company has been much criticised in the past as a disparate collection of assets from fine china to the *Financial Times* newspaper via merchant banking at Lazards. But in response, Pearson has moved to transform itself into a more focused media and leisure group.

The investment will not enhance earnings in the short term. Start-up costs are considerable in broadcasting and it will take two or three years before Pearson starts to see a return on its money. But its position on the media map looks more impressive, is probably more secure and may well be more valuable.

Cordiant

THE good news for Cordiant is that the rights issue now looks certain. A company in the position that Cordiant finds itself would not be so foolish, one assumes, to go public on a share issue unless the money was already substantially underwritten.

The new funds will pay off that portion of the £130 million of debt on which Cordiant pays onerous rates of interest, generating a total bill for borrowing of about £20 million a year. Reducing the interest bill will restore profitability and enable the company to strike a more sensible deal with its bankers.

None of this, however, explains why an investor should be buying Cordiant shares. Some $400 million to $500 million in revenues lost when certain clients left in a huff have been replaced, we are told. The speed at which Cordiant filled the hole is impressive, perhaps too impressive. Cordiant's recent problems have been as well-publicised as the best of its advertising campaigns and potential clients will no doubt have insisted on good terms in return for their business. The glory days of advertising are over, killed off by the excesses of the past.

There is no reason why Cordiant should not make decent profits on the restructured balance sheet but, having seen where their money went in the past, Cordiant's clients are unlikely to give it as long a leash again in the future.



T&N

IT is a tribute to T&N's management that the endless round of injury claims over asbestos has not brought the company down. Were it a less responsible firm operating in a jurisdiction that permitted a more creative approach to insolvency, it could have gone bust years ago, and reinvented itself in a new guise, free of liability.

However, T&N has bravely struggled on and paid out countless millions to claimants. The continuing liability has acted as a spur to the company, which has developed a profitable vehicle components business, but the new profits mainly feed the claims. T&N was forced to cut its dividend in March.

The financial cost of yesterday's court ruling in Leeds is trifling compared with T&N's potential liability to a $180 million lawsuit from Chase Manhattan due to be heard in a US court next week. T&N provided an extra £100 million last year for asbestos claims, leaving the outstanding provision at £140 million. Some reckon the potential cost of the US case could be £50 million.

However, yesterday's share price fall had little to do with hard facts. Investors are concerned about a never-ending dribble of claims and the Leeds case, if upheld on appeal, would be bad news for more than just T&N.

Any manufacturer whose operations caused harmful emissions in the past could face a flood of writs, not just from ex-employees but residents near the plant.

T&N has made sufficient provision to survive any Chase damages, but the company will be hard-pressed to show its real potential while lawyers have a lien on its cash flow.

Chamberlain Phipps

FRANCE is proving to be a disappointment to Chamberlain Phipps, the footwear group brought to the market by Daniel Sullivan, the American venture capitalist.

However, investors cannot claim they had no warning. So recent was the acquisition of the French operations, SAC and Thierry, that the London Stock Exchange would not permit the consolidation of their profits in the Chamberlain flotation prospectus last year.

But Mr Sullivan is in a hurry and, undeterred, the company made two offers for French businesses within six months of the stock market flotation. Fortunately, only one of them was completed.

After yesterday's warning about sales and margins, Chamberlain shareholders may wonder about the speed with which the directors were awarded bonuses worth some £500,000 within one year of the float. Clearly, this is not a company with its eye on long-term investment.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	934-933	Mar	1047 BID
Mar	963-962	May	1064-1054
May	980-979	Jul	unq
Jul	997-995	Sep	—
Sep	1015-1013		
Dec	1030 BID		Volume: 5202

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	2420-2419	Jul	2145-2140
Jan	2315-2313	Sep	2120-2100
Mar	2252-2249	Nov	2100-2080
May	2185-2183		Volume: 3006

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	317.5-15.2
Spot: 376.0		Oct	289.2-86.5
Dec	348.2-48.0	Dec	286.0-84.0
Mar	331.7-31.2	Mar	284.0-82.0
May	323.0-22.2		Volume: 1676

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 26

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	96.89	104.56	128.53
(+/-)	-0.94	+0.11	+0.27
Eng/Wales:	96.83	105.00	127.91
(+/-)	-1.06	+0.78	+0.24
(%)	+10.0	-4.0	-3.0
Scotland:	103.68	101.91	131.71
(+/-)	+10.72	-4.21	+0.47
(%)	-14.0	+12.0	-6.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.45	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Dec)	16.35	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Jan)	16.15	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	17.65	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	17.40	+0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 175 (n/c)	O: 177 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	154 (n/c)	155 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Nov	154 (n/c)	155 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Dec	154 (n/c)	155 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	87 (+2)	89 (+2)
Naphtha	155 (+1)	157 (+1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Nov	151.75-52.00	Feb	150.75-51.00
Dec	151.25-51.50	Mar	149.75-50.00
Jan	151.00-51.25		Vol: 8244

BRENT (6.00pm)

Dec	16.33-16.35	Mar	n/a
Jan	16.14-16.15	Apr	15.80 BID
Feb	16.01-16.03		Vol: 27138

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	122.25	Nov	111.85
Jan	124.70	Jan	114.95
Mar	126.66	Mar	117.05
May	128.60	May	119.10
Jul	130.50	Sep	108.75
Volume: 294		Volume: 106	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	184.0
Apr	275.0	278.1
May	unq	312.5
		Volume: 121

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kg)

Nov 101.00-101.50

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Oct 95	1570	1560	1560
Nov 95	1540	1520	1540
Dec 95	1550	1510	1540
Jan 96	1540	1500	1540
Vol: 286 lots		Open Interest: 4004	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2782.0-2784.0	2696.0-2697.0	1397500
Lead ($/tonne)	690.00-691.00	676.00-677.00	149250
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	994.00-995.00	1017.0-1018.0	500550
Tin ($/tonne)	6265.0-6275.0	6320.0-6325.0	28210
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1638.0-1639.0	1676.0-1676.5	1140825
Nickel ($/tonne)	8690.0-8700.0	8775.0-8780.0	107742

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Dec 95	3498.0	3540.0	3494.0	3514.0	13435
Previous open interest: 69039	Mar 96	3532.0	3532.5	3532.0	3543.0	5
FT-SE 250	Dec 95				3885.0	0
Previous open interest: 3537	Mar 96					0
Three Month Sterling	Dec 95	93.28	93.35	93.26	93.33	11894
Previous open interest: 340181	Mar 96	93.39	93.46	93.33	93.43	20704
	Jun 96	93.34	93.41	93.28	93.38	8495
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 95				94.20	0
Previous open interest: 110	Mar 96				94.41	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 95	95.97	95.99	95.96	95.97	12176
Previous open interest: 802398	Mar 96	96.11	96.13	96.10	96.10	21514
Long Gilt	Dec 95	106-00	106-08	105-11	105-29	63454
Previous open interest: 105139	Mar 96	105-10	105-10	105-02	105-11	350
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 95	121.05	121.15	120.80	120.93	3165
	Mar 96	119.68	119.74	119.65	119.73	827
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 95	96.15	96.45	96.08	96.26	145316
Previous open interest: 207174	Mar 96	95.61	95.65	95.57	95.66	1136
Three month ECU	Dec 95	94.25	94.30	94.25	94.29	1668
Previous open interest: 19037	Mar 96	94.45	94.46	94.44	94.46	464
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 95	97.90	97.96	97.88	97.94	2555
Previous open interest: 49910	Mar 96	97.96	98.03	97.96	98.01	3589
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 95	100.95	102.10	100.90	101.73	37767
Previous open interest: 49531	Mar 96	101.30	101.40	101.30	101.38	62

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¾ Low 6 Week fixed: 6¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6$^{15}/_{32}$; 3 mth 6$^{15}/_{32}$. Sell: 2 mth 6$^{13}/_{32}$; 3 mth: 6$^{13}/_{32}$.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6¾-6$^{11}/_{16}$	6¾-6$^{11}/_{16}$	6⅝-6$^{9}/_{16}$	6½-6$^{7}/_{16}$	
Sterling Money Rates:	6$^{13}/_{16}$-6$^{11}/_{16}$	6$^{13}/_{16}$-6¾	6$^{13}/_{16}$-6$^{11}/_{16}$	6$^{11}/_{16}$-6$^{9}/_{16}$	6$^{9}/_{16}$-6$^{7}/_{16}$
Interbank:	6$^{13}/_{16}$-6$^{11}/_{16}$	6$^{13}/_{16}$-6¾	6$^{13}/_{16}$-6$^{11}/_{16}$	6$^{11}/_{16}$-6$^{9}/_{16}$	6$^{9}/_{16}$-6$^{7}/_{16}$

Overnight: open 6¾, close 6¾.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6¾	n/a	6$^{11}/_{16}$	6⅝	6½
Sterling CDs:	6¾-6$^{11}/_{16}$	6$^{11}/_{16}$-6$^{11}/_{16}$	6$^{11}/_{16}$-6⅝	6$^{9}/_{16}$-6½	6½-6$^{7}/_{16}$
Dollar CDs:	5.77	n/a	5.82	5.79	5.78
Building Society CDs:	6$^{11}/_{16}$-6¾	6$^{11}/_{16}$-6⅝	6$^{11}/_{16}$-6⅝	6⅝-6$^{9}/_{16}$	6½-6$^{7}/_{16}$

TREASURY BILLS: Applctns: £7,273m allotted: £1,500m: Bids: £98.37% received: 56%: Last week: £98.36% received: 95%: Avge rate: £6.5346% last wk £6.5715%: Next week: £1,200m.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5$^{13}/_{16}$-5$^{11}/_{16}$	5⅞-5¾	5$^{13}/_{16}$-5$^{11}/_{16}$	5¾-5⅝	5½-4½
Deutschemark:	4⅛-3⅞	4⅛-3$^{15}/_{16}$	4⅛-4	4⅛-3$^{15}/_{16}$	4¼-3¾
French Franc:	7⅛-6¾	7⅛-6¾	7⅛-6¾	7⅛-6¾	7⅛-5¾
Swiss Franc:	2$^{1}/_{16}$-1$^{15}/_{16}$	2$^{1}/_{16}$-1$^{15}/_{16}$	2⅛-2	2$^{1}/_{16}$-2$^{1}/_{16}$	2⅛-1½
Yen:	½-⅜	$^{1}/_{2}$-$^{5}/_{16}$	½-⅜	½-⅜	n/a

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $382.40-382.80 Close: $382.00-382.50 High: $382.90-383.40 Low: $381.50-382.00 AM: $382.55 PM: $382.60

Krugerrand: $384.00-386.00 (£242.00-244.00)

Platinum: $409.25 (£258.85) **Silver:** $5.40 (£3.415) **Palladium:** $135.00 (£86.10)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Oct 27	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.4673-2.4829	2.4796-2.4829	¼-⅛pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Brussels	45.26-45.60	45.50-45.60	11-8pr	31-26pr
Copenhagen	8.5330-8.5940	8.5720-8.5940	1-⅛pr	2½-1½pr
Dublin	0.9730-0.9760	0.9731-0.9757	10-8pr	25-21pr
Frankfurt	2.2022-2.2175	2.2144-2.2175	⅝-½pr	1⅝-1½pr
Lisbon	232.81-234.21	233.58-234.21	32-59ds	120-165ds
Madrid	191.83-192.75	192.47-192.75	41-51ds	132-149ds
Milan	2513.70-2526.70	2517.80-2521.90	7-9ds	23-26ds
Montreal	2.1551-2.1746	2.1551-2.1581	0.06-0.16ds	0.09-0.27ds
New York	1.5784-1.5824	1.5784-1.5794	0.11-0.09pr	0.34-0.31pr
Oslo	9.7590-9.8050	9.7890-9.8050	1¼-1pr	4¼-3¼pr
Paris	7.6810-7.7210	7.7060-7.7190	⅛-⅛ds	⅛-⅜ds
Stockholm	10.3820-10.4610	10.4380-10.4610	⅛-⅛ds	⅛-⅞ds
Tokyo	159.99-160.47	160.20-160.47	⅝-⅜ds	2⅛-2½pr
Vienna	15.50-15.56	15.52-15.55	⅝-¼pr	1-⅜pr
Zurich	1.7828-1.7930	1.7902-1.7930	⅛-⅛pr	2½-2pr
Source: Extel			Premium = pr.	Discount = ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3267-1.3276
Austria	9.81-9.82
Belgium (Comm)	28.70-28.71
Canada	1.3688-1.3693
Denmark	5.4130-5.4160
France	4.8620-4.8650
Germany	1.3965-1.3975
Hong Kong	7.7325-7.7335
Ireland	1.6180-1.6200
Italy	1594.70-1596.20
Japan	101.36-101.41
Malaysia	2.5302-2.5312
Netherlands	1.5650-1.5655
Norway	6.1920-6.1950
Portugal	147.50-147.60
Singapore	1.4135-1.4145
Spain	121.47-121.52
Sweden	6.5838-6.5913
Switzerland	1.1285-1.1295

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5809-1.5835
Australia dollar	2.0974-2.1001
Bahrain dinar	0.5900-0.6020
Brazil real*	1.5160-1.5203
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.6970-0.7070
Finland markka	6.5950-6.7110
Greece drachma	361.00-368.00
Hong Kong dollar	12.2235-12.2329
India rupee	55.63-56.59
Indonesia rupiah	3562.00-3630.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4690-0.4790
Malaysia ringgit	4.0002-4.0043
New Zealand dollar	2.4019-2.4052
Pakistan rupee	50.16 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6925-5.8165
Singapore dollar	2.2343-2.2366
S Africa rand (com)	5.6950-5.7970
U A E dirham	5.7425-5.8665

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	732	Legal & Gn	4,900
ASDA Gp	18,000	Lloyds Bk	7,300
Abbey Ntl	3,000	London Elect	325
Allied Dom	3,100	Marks Spr	3,300
Argyll Gp	4,500	Mid Elec	67
Arjo Wggns	2,700	NatWst Bk	7,600
AB Foods	69	Nat Power	904
BAA	1,200	NW Water	3,000
BAT Inds	3,300	P & O	1,100
BOC	2,100	Pearson	2,200
BP	3,300	PowerGen	731
BSkyB	8,300	Prudential	5,100
BTR	23,000	REXAM	1,500
BT	15,000	RMC	333
Bk of Scot	1,700	RTZ	1,900
Barclays	3,200	Rank Org	826
Bass	1,300	Reckitt Col	788
Blue Circle	1,200	Redland	1,800
Boots	1,200	Reed Intl	890
BAe	679	Rentokil	718
BA	2,300	Reuters	7,300
Brit Gas	5,200	Rolls Royce	6,500
Brit Steel	3,300	Royal Ins	2,800
Burmah Cstl	1,100	Ryl Bk Scot	1,600
Cable Wire	2,900	Sainsbury	3,700
Cadbury	2,000	Schroders	34
Carlton Cms	791	Scot & New	249
Cm Union	10,000	Scot Power	1,200
Cookson	1,400	Sears	3,000
Courtaulds	1,600	Svrn Trent	274
De La Rue	222	Shell Trans	4,400
Enterpr Oil	940	Siebe	394
Forte	5,000	SmKl Bch	6,700
GKN	589	Smith Nph	953
GRE	1,500	Sthern Elec	1,300
GUS	1,400	Std Chartd	2,500
Gen Acc	1,800	Sun Allnce	1,900
Gen Elec	5,700	TI Gp	362
Glaxo Well	4,400	TSB	5,500
Granada	2,400	Tate & Lyle	721
Grand Met	2,900	Tesco	3,700
Guinness	1,500	Thames W	686
HSBC	1,900	Thrn EMI	797
Hanson	10,000	Tomkins	2,900
ICI	1,900	Unilever	1,500
Inchcape	1,000	Vodafone	9,200
Kingfisher	2,200	Whitbread	960
LASMO	3,100	Wlms Hld	403
Ladbroke	2,000	Wolseley	456
Land Secs	682	Zeneca	426

WALL STREET

	Oct 27 midday	Oct 26 close
AMP Inc	38⅝	38¼
AMR Corp	65⅝	64⅝
AT & T	61¼	61¼
Abbott Labs	39⅝	39⅜
Advanced Micro	24⅛	24⅝
Aetna Life	68⅛	67⅛
Ahmanson (HF)	24⅞	24½
Air Prod & Chem	51½	50⅞
Albertson's	33⅞	34⅛
Alcan Aluminum	29⅝	29⅜
Alco Standard	86⅝	86⅛
Allied Signal	43	41¼
Alum Co of Am	49⅝	48⅛
Amax Gold Inc	5⅝	5⅞
Amerada Hess	43⅛	43⅝
Amer Brands	41½	41¼
Amer El Power	38⅛	39⅛
Amer Express	41	39⅝
Amer Genl Corp	33⅞	31½
Amer Home Pr	88⅛	89⅞
Amer Intl	83⅛	82⅛
Amer Stores	29⅝	29⅞
Ameritech	54⅛	54⅛
Amoco	64	64⅛
Anheuser-Busch	66⅝	66⅝
Apple Computer	34⅛	34⅛
Archer Daniels	16	16⅛
Armco	6⅛	6⅞
Armstrng Wrld	57	56⅞
Asarco	30⅛	29⅞
Ashland Oil	31¼	32⅛
Atl Richfield	107⅛	105⅞
Auto Data Pro	71½	71½
Avery Dennison	44½	45
Avon Products	69⅛	69⅛
Baker Hughes	18⅛	18⅞
Baltim Gas & El	27	27⅛
Banc One	34⅛	34⅛
BankAmerica	59⅝	58⅞
Bank of NY	43⅝	42⅞
Bankers Tr NY	65⅝	65⅞
Barnett Banks	55⅞	55⅞
Bausch & Lomb	34⅛	35⅞
Baxter Intl	38⅛	38⅛
Becton Dicknsn	64⅛	65⅞
Bell Atlantic	64	64
Bell Industries	20⅞	21
BellSouth	74⅛	75½
Black & Decker	33⅛	33⅞
Block (H&R)	41	40⅛
Boeing	66⅛	66⅛
Boise Cascade	36⅛	35
Bristol Myrs Sq	76½	77½
Browning Ferris	28⅛	28
Brunswick	18⅛	19⅛
Burlington Nthn	79⅞	80⅞
CBS	80⅞	80⅛
CNA Financial	112⅞	112
CPC Intl	66⅛	65⅞
CSX	81¼	81¼
Campbell Soup	52⅞	53
Can Pacific	15⅛	15
Cptl Cities ABC	117⅛	117⅛
Carolina Pwr	32⅛	33⅛
Caterpillar	54½	53⅞
Central & SW	26⅞	27⅛
Champion Intl	52⅞	50⅞
Chase Manhat	57⅞	56⅛
Chemical Bk	57½	56⅞
Chevron Corp	46⅛	46⅞
Chrysler	52⅞	52⅛
Chubb Corp	89⅞	90⅛
Cigna Corp	97⅛	96
Citicorp	65⅞	63⅞
Clorox	72⅞	72⅞
Coastal Corp	32⅞	33
Coca Cola	71¼	70⅞
Colgate-Palmolive	69⅛	70⅛
Columbia Gas	37	37
Compaq Comp	54½	54⅛
Comp Ass Intl	53⅞	53
ConAgra	39⅞	39⅞
Conrail	67⅞	67⅛
Cons Edison	30⅛	30⅛
Cons Nat Gas	37⅞	37⅛
Cooper Inds	33½	33⅛
Corestates	36⅞	36⅛
Corning Inc	26⅞	27⅛
Crown Cork	34	34⅛
Dana Corp	26	26
Dayton Hudson	71	70⅞
Deere	90½	89⅞
Delta Air Lines	64⅞	64
Deluxe Corp	27⅛	27⅞
Detroit Edison	33⅞	34
Digital Equip	53⅞	53⅞
Dillard Dept St	28	28
Disney (Walt)	56⅞	57⅛
Dominion Res	39⅞	40⅛
Donnelley (RR)	35⅞	36⅞
Dover Corp	37	36⅞
Dow Chemical	70⅛	70
Dow Jones	34⅞	34⅛
Dresser	20⅞	20⅞
Duke Power	46⅛	45⅞
Dun & Bradstreet	60	60⅛
Du Pont	62⅞	61½
Eastman Kodak	61½	62⅛
Eaton Corp	50⅛	50⅞
Emerson Elec	70⅛	70⅛

	Oct 27 midday	Oct 26 close
Engelhard Corp	25⅞	25⅞
Enron Corp	34⅛	34⅛
Entergy	28⅞	28⅞
Ethyl Corp	11¼	11¼
Exxon	74⅛	75
FMC Corp	69⅞	69⅛
FPL Group	41⅞	42¼
Federal Express	81½	81½
Fed Nat Mtge	103⅞	103⅞
First Chicago	68⅛	68
First Interstate	125	124⅞
First Union Rlty	7⅛	7⅛
Fleet Finl Grp	39⅞	39⅛
Fluor Corp	54⅛	54⅞
Ford Motor	29⅞	28⅞
GTE Corp	40	40⅛
Gannett	54⅛	54⅛
Gap Inc Del	37⅞	37⅛
Gen Dynamics	54⅞	55⅞
Gen Electric	62⅛	62½
Gen Mills	57⅞	57½
Gen Motors	44	43⅞
Gen Reinsurance	142⅞	142⅞
Gen Signal	32⅞	32⅛
Genuine Parts	39⅞	39⅞
Georgia Pac	84⅛	82⅛
Gillette	47⅞	48⅛
Glaxo Wellc ADR	28⅛	28⅛
Goodrich (BF)	65⅞	65⅛
Goodyear Tire	37⅞	37⅞
Grace (WR)	55⅞	54⅛
Grt Atl Pac Tea	21½	20½
Great Wstn Fin	22⅞	22⅞
Halliburton	40⅞	39⅞
Harcourt General	38⅞	39
Heinz (HJ)	46⅛	46⅞
Hercules	52⅞	51½
Hershey Foods	60⅛	60⅞
Hewlett Packard	92⅛	91½
Hilton Hotels	68⅞	65⅞
Home Depot	37	36⅞
Homestake Mng	15½	15⅞
Honeywell	40⅞	41¼
Household Intl	56⅞	55⅞
Houston Inds	46⅞	46⅞
Humana	21½	21½
ITT Corp	119⅞	118⅞
Illinois Tool	57⅞	56⅛
Illinova	28⅞	28⅞
INCO	32½	32⅞
Ingersoll Rand	36	35⅞
Inland Steel	23⅛	23⅛
Intel Corp	67⅞	68⅛
IBM	96⅞	95⅞
Intl Flav & Fr	47⅞	47⅛
Intl Paper	37⅛	36
James River Va	32	31¼
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	80⅛	80⅛
Kellogg	72	72⅛
Kerr-McGee	53⅞	53⅞
Kimberly-Clark	72⅛	72½
Kmart	9⅛	9⅞
Knight-Ridder	56⅞	56⅞
Lilly (Eli)	97⅛	97⅛
Limited Inc	19⅞	19⅛
Lincoln Nat	43⅛	42⅞
Litton	38⅞	38⅛
Liz Claiborne	27⅛	27⅞
Lockheed Martin	68⅛	68⅛
Louisiana Pac	25⅞	25⅞
MCI Comm	24⅛	24⅞
Marriott Int	35⅞	35½
Marsh & McLen	80⅞	81¼
Masco Corp	27⅛	27⅞
May Dept St	37½	37½
Maytag Corp	18⅞	18⅞
McDonalds	41¼	41¼
McDonnell D	80⅛	80⅞
McGraw Hill	82	82⅞
Mead Corp	56½	54⅛
Medtronic	56⅞	58⅞
Mellon Bk	49⅞	49⅞
Melville Corp	32⅞	31½
Merck Inc	59⅞	60
Merrill Lynch	55⅞	56⅞
Microsoft	100	98
Minnesota Mine	55⅞	56⅛
Mobil Corp	99⅞	100
Monsanto	103	102
Morgan (JP)	78⅛	76½
Motorola Inc	65⅞	64⅞
Natl Semi	25⅞	24½
Natl Service Ind	29⅞	29⅞
Navistar Int	9⅞	9⅛
NBD Bancorp	37⅞	37⅞
NY Times A	28	28⅞
Newmont Mng	35⅞	36⅛
Niag Mohawk	11	11
Nike B	111½	111⅞
NL Industries	13	12⅞
Noram Energy	7⅛	7½
Nordstrom	37⅞	37
Norfolk Sthrn	76	79½
Nthn State Pwr	47⅞	47⅞
Norwest Corp	30⅛	30⅞
Nynex Corp	46⅛	47
Occidental Pet	21½	21½
Ohio Edison	22⅞	23
Oracle	43⅞	42⅞
Oryx Energy Co	11	11¼

	Oct 27 midday	Oct 26 close
Owens Corning	40½	42
PPG Industries	42⅞	42⅞
PNC Bank	26⅞	26⅞
PP&L Res	23	23
Paccar Inc	40⅛	41
Pacificorp	18⅞	19
Pac Enterprises	24⅛	25½
Pac Gas & Elect	30	30½
Pac Telesis	30⅛	29⅞
Pall Corp	23⅞	23⅞
Panhandle East	25⅞	26⅞
Peco Energy	29½	29⅞
Penney (JC)	43⅞	43⅛
Pennzoil	36⅛	35⅞
Pepsico	52⅞	52⅞
Pfizer	59⅞	59½
Phelps Dodge	62	62⅞
Philip Morris	84⅛	83⅞
Phillips Pet	31½	32½
Pitney Bowes	42⅞	42⅛
Polaroid	41½	41
PriceCostco	16⅛	16½
Procter & Gambl	81¼	81¼
Providian	38⅛	38
Pub Serv E & G	29⅞	29⅞
Quaker Oats	33⅞	34⅛
Ralston Purina	58⅞	60
Raychem Corp	44½	45⅞
Raytheon	43⅞	43⅞
Reebok Intl	34½	34½
Reynolds Metals	49⅞	48⅛
Roadway Srvcs	43⅞	45
Rockwell Intl	44⅞	45½
Rohm & Haas	55	54¼
Royal Dutch	121⅞	122⅛
Rubbermaid	26	26
SBC Comms	54⅞	55
Safeco Corp	63⅞	64
St Paul's Cos	51	50⅞
Salomon Inc	35½	35⅞
Sara Lee Corp	29⅞	29⅞
Scecorp	17	17⅛
Schering Plough	53⅞	54⅛
Schlumberger	59⅞	60⅛
Scott Paper	53⅞	52⅛
Seagram	34⅛	34⅛
Sears Roebuck	34½	33⅞
Shell Trans	70	70⅛
Sherwin Wlms	35⅞	35⅞
Skyline Corp	17⅛	17⅞
Snap-On-Tools	42⅞	42⅛
Southern Co	24⅛	24⅞
Sprint Corp	37⅞	37⅞
Stanley Works	46⅞	46
Sun Company	27⅞	27⅞
Sun Microsys	73⅞	72⅞
Suntrust	65⅞	63⅞
Supervalu	30⅞	30⅞
Sysco Corp	28⅞	28⅞
TRW Inc	66⅞	68⅛
TCC Inds	2⅞	2⅞
Tandem Comp	10⅞	11
Tandy Corp	51¼	49⅞
Teledyne	24⅛	24⅞
Temple Inland	46	45⅞
Tenneco	42⅞	42⅞
Texaco	67⅛	67⅛
Texas Inst	68	66⅞
Texas Utilities	36⅛	37
Textron	67	66⅞
Time Warner	36	36⅛
Times Mirror A	28⅞	28⅞
Timken	39⅞	39⅞
Torchmark	41½	41⅞
Toys R Us	22⅞	22⅞
Transamerica	67⅞	66⅞
Travelers	49⅛	49½
Tribune	62⅞	63
Tyco Labs	60⅞	60⅛
UST Inc	28⅞	28⅞
UAL	172	173⅛
US Inds	15	15⅛
USX Marathon	17½	17⅛
Unicom	32⅞	32⅞
Unilever NV	130⅞	130⅞
Union Camp	51¼	50⅞
Union Carbide	37⅞	36⅞
Union Pacific	65⅞	64⅞
Unisys Corp	6	6
USAIR Group	13⅞	13⅛
USF&G Corp	17⅛	17⅛
US Life	27⅞	28
US West	46⅞	46⅛
United Tech	88⅞	88⅞
Unocal Corp	28	28⅞
Upjohn	49⅛	48⅞
VF Corp	47⅞	47⅞
WMX Tech	27⅛	27½
Wal-Mart Stores	22	21⅞
Warner-Lambert	86⅛	86⅞
Wells Fargo	207⅞	208⅞
Westinghouse El	13⅞	13⅞
Weyerhaeuser	45⅛	44⅞
Whirlpool	51⅛	51½
Whitman	21⅛	21
Winn Dixie	63	63
Woolworth	14⅞	14⅞
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	47⅞	47⅞
Xerox	133⅞	131
Yellow Corp	12⅞	12⅞

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Dom	500	17½	29	34	20	22½	33
(*509½)	550	4	11	14½	55½	57	67½
Argyll	300	29½	36½	41	5	8½	13½
(*324)	330	11½	19½	24½	18	21½	27½
ASDA	100	7½	10	13	4	5½	7
(*102½)	110	3	5½	8½	9½	11	12
Boots	550	24½	37½	45	15	20½	27
(*558)	600	6	15½	22½	49	51½	56½
Br Airways	460	19½	30½	37½	17½	22	27½
(*460)	500	6½	14½	21	45	48	52
BP	460	16	24	29½	14	20	24
(*461)	500	3	9½	14½	43½	46½	49
Br Steel	160	8½	13	15½	6½	8½	12
(*163)	180	2	5½	7½	20	21½	24½
C & W	390	29½	43	49½	9	14½	20½
(*409½)	420	13½	27½	34	22	28½	34½
CU	600	35	44	52	18½	31	36
(*607)	650	14	21½	30	47½	62	65½
ICI	750	46	56	65	12	25½	30½
(*772½)	800	19	30	39½	36½	52	56½
Kingfishr	460	29½	40	44½	11½	23	28½
(*470½)	500	11	21	25½	34	45	50½
Land Sec	550	31	41½	47	8½	11½	21½
(*572)	600	7½	16	21	37	42	49½
M & S	420	18½	29	34	10	15	20½
(*426)	460	4	11½	16	37½	39½	43½
Nat West	600	46½	53½	62½	10½	24	32
(*626½)	650	20	27½	37½	33½	50½	58
Sainsbury	390	28½	37½	41	5	9½	13
(*411)	420	12½	20½	24½	18	22½	27
Shell	700	42½	53	57½	5½	15	18½
(*730)	750	13½	23½	29½	27½	39½	42½
SmKl Bch	650	34	49	59½	15	24	29½
(*665)	700	12	25	35½	43½	51	56
Storehse	300	15½	22½	27½	9½	13	16
(*305)	330	4½	10	14	28½	31	33
Trafalgar	20	4½	5	6½	3½	3½	4½
(*22)	25	2½	3	5	6½	6½	7½
Unilever	1200	48	70	81	16½	32	38
(*1224½)	1250	21	42	54½	42	57½	62½
Zeneca	1150	80½	103½	127	27½	50	60½
(*1184½)	1200	52½	75½	100	49½	73	83
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
Grnd Met	420	18½	30½	35½	5	18½	20
(*432)	460	2½	14	17½	29	42½	43
Ladbroke	160	4½	11½	14	2½	6½	9½
(*161½)	180	0	4½	6	18½	19½	22
Utd Bisc	260	15½	25	31½	2	8	12
(*272)	280	5	14	21	10½	17½	22

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA	460	37	48½	54	6	9	14
(*489)	500	14	25	31	23	26	31½
Thames W	500	30½	43	50	12½	19	28½
(*520)	550	10½	21	26	43½	46½	57
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
BAT Ind	500	28½	45½	51½	4	12	21
(*524½)	550	4	20	26	29	35	47½
BTR	300	30	37	40	0	2½	6
(*329)	330	9½	16	19½	5½	11½	17½
Br Aero	700	20	50	61	12	24	39
(*707)	750	3	28	39	45	56½	66½
Br Telcm	360	11½	19½	26	2½	12	14
(*367)	390	1	7	12	23	31½	32½
Cadbury	500	26½	44½	47½	5	16½	22½
(*520)	550	4½	20	23	32	40	48½
Guinness	500	8½	25½	32	8	16	25
(*500)	550	0	7	12½	50	50½	57
GEC	300	16½	23½	31	1½	6½	9
(*314½)	330	1	8	15½	16½	22	23
Hanson	191	2½	11½	—	2	7½	—
(*190½)	211	0½	3½	—	14½	20½	—
LASMO	140	14	19	22	0	3½	5½
(*153)	160	2	8½	11	8	12	14½
Lucas	180	7½	15½	19	3	7½	9½
(*184½)	200	0½	6½	9½	16	19	20½
Pilkingtn	180	7½	14	18	2½	7½	9½
(*184½)	200	0½	6	9	15½	21	21½
Prudential	360	30½	41½	46	1	6	12½
(*388½)	390	8	22½	27½	9½	17	23½
Redland	330	15	26½	33	3½	9½	16
(*341)	360	2	12	18½	21	23	31½
R-Royce	140	15	19½	21½	0	3	4½
(*154)	160	2½	8	10½	7	11	14
Tesco	300	8	19	23½	4	10	15½
(*302½)	330	0½	6½	10½	27½	29	33½
Vodafone	240	16½	24½	31	1	7½	10½
(*254)	260	4½	13½	20½	9	16½	20
Williams	300	18½	27	31½	1	4	8½
(*316½)	330	2	10	14	14	18	23½

FT-SE INDEX (*3494)

	3350	3400	3450	3500	3550	3600
Calls						
Nov	164	120½	81½	49	26½	12½
Dec	190½	153½	117	86½	60½	39½
Jan	212½	175½	142½	113	87½	65½
Feb	231½	194½	163½	133½	107½	84½
Jun	—	244½	—	184½	—	134
Puts						
Nov	8½	15½	26½	46½	76½	115
Dec	25	37	52	73	99	130
Jan	39½	52	69½	90	116	145½
Feb	48	61	80	100	125½	154
Jun	—	108	—	147	—	195

Series		Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat	500	43	55	57	6	16½	19½
(*533½)	550	13	26	29	25	41½	44½
Amstrad	280	21	30½	38	6½	12	15
(*293½)	300	10½	20	27½	15½	21	24½
Barclays	700	49½	67½	74½	7	22½	28
(*736½)	750	18½	37	47	26½	46	51½
Blue Circ	280	16	25½	23	6½	12	18½
(*286½)	300	7	16	18½	17	22	29½
Br Gas	220	22½	28½	30½	2	4½	7½
(*239)	240	9	16	18½	8½	11½	15½
Dixons	360	28½	37	46½	5	12	15½
(*380)	390	11½	21	30	18	25½	29
Forte	240	10	17	20	6	10½	13½
(*242)	260	3	8	11	18½	22	25
Tarmac	80	10½	14	15	2	3	5
(*88)	90	4½	8½	10	6½	8	10
Hillsdwn	160	8	12½	14½	3½	6	11½
(*165½)	180	1	4½	6½	17½	18½	24½
Lonrho	140	20	22	24½	1	2½	3½
(*157½)	160	6½	9½	13	7	10½	11½
Sears	100	6½	9½	11	2	3½	5½
(*105)	110	2	4½	6	7½	9	10½
Thrn EMI	1450	61½	98	130½	37½	52	55½
(*1462½)	1500	38	73	103	64½	78½	79½
Tomkins	240	13½	20	25½	4½	9	11½
(*247)	260	4	10½	15½	15½	19½	22
TSB	360	13½	20½	26½	8	17½	20
(*369)	390	0½	7	11½	24½	34½	36½
Series		**Jan**	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Jan**	**Apr**	**Jul**
Glaxo Well	800	63½	78½	88	11½	24	30
(*843)	850	32	48½	59½	30	45½	51½
HSBC	900	61	84½	97	22	46	55
(*926½)	950	34½	58	71½	45	71½	80½
Reuter	550	34	44½	56	16½	27	33
(*556)	600	13	21½	33½	46½	54½	60½
Series		**Jan**	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Jan**	**Apr**	**Jul**
Royal Ins	360	32	41	48½	9½	19½	25½
(*378)	390	17	29½	34	22½	35½	41
Series		**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**
Fisons	260	4½	5	5½	0½	1	0½
(*264)	280	0	0	0½	17½	18	20
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
Eastern Gp	950	25½	39½	28	0½	1	1
(*974)	1000	0	0½	0½	26	31	32
Series		**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**
Natl Pwr	460	31½	42	52½	4½	10	16½
(*489½)	500	8½	20½	31	22	27½	35½
Scot Pwr	330	29½	33½	40½	3½	8	9
(*353½)	360	9½	15½	25	13	22	21½

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The law and marriage go together

Marianne Curphey outlines the chaos after a Bill to improve cohabitees' rights was shelved

When a relationship ends, who gets what? The question has been brought into focus as the wives of two rich and famous men battle for a share of their fortunes, and John Major is at the centre of a row over a Bill designed to extend property rights of unmarried partners.

This week, Gill Faldo, wife of the golfer, Nick, instructed her lawyers to issue a statement denying her husband had offered her a £7.5 million settlement from his £15 million fortune. The lawyers said the matter had not yet been discussed. That said, legal sources believe the figure is a reasonable request, since the couple had been married for ten years, have three children, and were business partners. In divorce cases involving large sums of money and those kind of circumstances, it is not uncommon for wives to claim half their husband's fortune.

Meanwhile, Maja Flick, once married to Friedrich Flick of the Mercedes car dynasty, won leave to appeal against a £9 million divorce payout because she claimed it was not enough to keep her in the manner to which she had become accustomed. She argued her payout, the biggest yet ordered by British courts, was only a fraction of her husband's estimated £200 million fortune.

Simon Bruce, a matrimonial lawyer with Farrer and Co., the solicitor, said women with husbands worth more than £5 million are increasingly awarded large payouts. "As society changes, judges and solicitors are starting to recognise wives are equal partners in a relationship — especially if a woman has helped to build her husband's fortune through managing his business.

"Some divorces are extremely bitter and can drag on for years and incur high legal fees. However, family lawyers do not want clients to become involved in protracted disputes and often urge men to look at how much their wife deserves or has earned, rather than what she could manage to live on," he said.

Meanwhile, the Government has been forced to shelve its new Family Homes and Domestic Violence Bill after a storm of protest from Conservative backbench MPs.

The Bill was designed to give unmarried people living together similar property rights to married couples. If a man or woman had been forced to leave home because of the violent or unreasonable behaviour of a partner, the Bill would allow them to seek a court order to return.

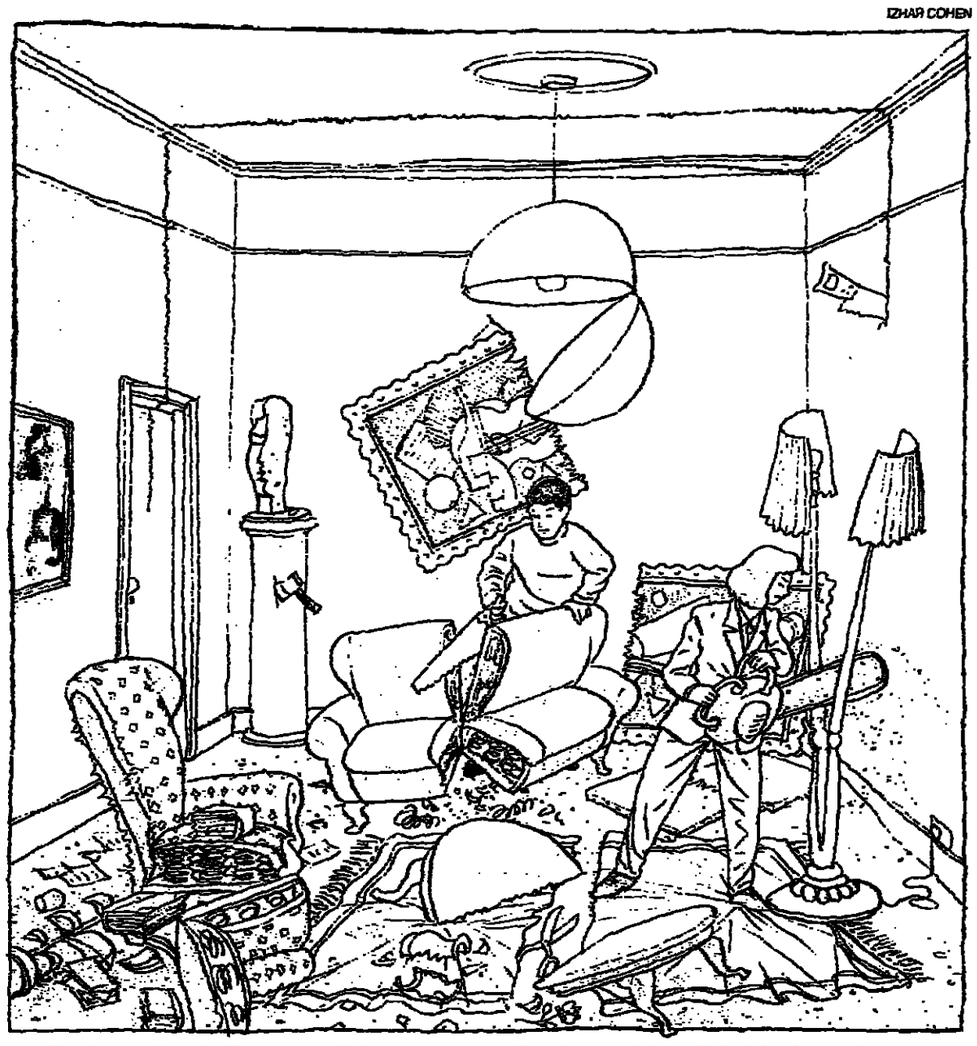
The abused person, which would include an elderly person intimidated by his or her offspring, or a child beaten by his or her parents, would have the right to seek a court order to exclude a violent person from the home, even in cases where the abused partner had moved out and had no contractual claim on the property.

Days before the Bill was due to become law, Conservative backbenchers protested to the Government that it would undermine the institution of marriage. In fact, cohabitees have the same rights as married people living with violent partners. The only change that the new Bill proposed was that it should be extended to cohabitees and family members who had actually been forced to leave the home.

The Bill has only 18 days to pass through its stages before Parliament reopens on November 15. It was due to be debated in the Commons on Monday, but has been postponed for another week while the Government looks at the backbench objections.

The Lord Chancellor's department denied yesterday that the Bill was effectively dead. "There is still enough time for it to be debated by both the Commons and the House of Lords. If it does not get through this session of Parliament it will probably reappear in a revised piece of legislation at a later date."

IZHAR COHEN



Carving-up time: in divorce cases it is not uncommon for wives to claim half their husbands' fortunes

When it pays to be married

The differences between cohabitation and marriage begin in the tax system (Anne Ashworth writes). A husband can claim the married couple's allowance of £1,720 which saves the household £258 worth of tax a year. If he cannot make full use of this allowance, the unused portion can be transferred to his wife. Gifts between husband and wife, of whatever value, are free of capital gains tax in life, and of inheritance tax at death. Married couples can also use their personal allowances to limit tax on savings' interest. The Chancellor of the Exchequer is under pressure to increase the value of the married couple's allowance in next month's Budget to underline the Government's commitment to marriage and the family.

Pensions are another area of inequality. Under the Pensions Act, a wife who had devoted herself to home and family and has no pension of her own can seek a share of her husband's pension at his retirement. This option is not open to the woman who has cohabited, however long the relationship. However, the differences between cohabitees and spouses are, perhaps, most marked on death. If one spouse dies without a will, the other spouse will automatically inherit the first £125,000 worth of his or her estate, plus a life interest in half the remainder. The live-in lover receives nothing but can go to court for a share.

Pension test cases go ahead

Hundreds of thousands of part-time workers will start a battle for their pension rights next month (Sara McConnell writes).

An industrial tribunal in Birmingham is to hear 24 test cases from part-timers around the country who have been denied the right to join their employer's pension scheme. Rulings on these cases will be used to help other tribunals to decide similar claims.

An estimated 50,000 part-time workers have put in claims for pension benefits since the European Court ruled, in September 1994, that companies could be guilty of indirect sex discrimination if they did not allow part-timers to join their company's pension scheme. Most part-time workers are women.

Part-timers can also apply to have their benefits backdated, as long as they can pay their share of contributions.

The test cases, to be heard between November 15 and December 1, have been brought by public sector workers in health, education and local government and by workers in banking and the electricity industry. They claim the right to membership of non-contributory and contributory pension schemes.

The tribunal will rule on how far back part-timers can backdate their claims. The European Court does not set any time limit on backdating, leaving this to individual member states to decide. Technically, benefits could have been backdated to April 1976, the date of an earlier European judgment. But earlier this year, the Government threw its weight behind the Equal Pay Act, which limits retrospective claims to two years.

These test cases may be just the start of a long legal battle. The tribunal says it is "99 per cent sure" that workers will appeal if a decision goes against them.

Weekend Money is edited by Anne Ashworth

Divisions under the roof

Breaking up is hard to do, especially when you discover that the law looks very differently on married people and live-in lovers. Spouses enjoy an array of rights to property and maintenance. Cohabitees have no such rights, unless they have children.

The Family Homes and Domestic Violence Bill would have done little to remedy this situation, as it was designed to protect only those cohabitees who had been subjected to violence.

The belief that cohabitation endows rights is perpetuated by the use of the terms "common law wife" and "common law husband".

These descriptions live on, although as lawyers are often obliged to point out, common law marriage was abolished by Lord Hardwicke's Law in 1753. Jeremy Levison, matrimonial lawyer at Collyer-Bristow, the solicitor, explains that senior legal figures have pondered the issue for a decade or more, but have generally concluded that the differences between cohabitation and matrimony should remain.

He explains: "There has to be a difference between marriage and cohabitation, so that people can choose between the two states. To give married people the same rights as cohabitees is to devalue marriage."

However, the Law Commission, the body responsible for the reform of legislation, is currently preparing a consultation document on the rights of home sharers, to be published in the early summer of 1996. Charles Harpum, the Law Commissioner, describes the present law as "unfair, uncertain and illogical".

On divorce, spouses can seek to have the assets of the marriage, such as the marital home, redistributed. They can also stake a claim to a lump sum and/or maintenance.

Under the current rules, if you set up home with someone else in his or her house, then you may only be able to lay claim to a share, if there is a legally enforceable agreement to give you a share, or if you have made a financial contribution.

Louise Spitz, family lawyer at Manches & Co., solicitors, explains: "In the Seventies and early Eighties, Lord Denning, while deploring the breakdown of marriage, bent over backwards to find that unmarried women had acquired an interest in property to which they had no legal title.

"In his view, pushing wheelbarrows full of building materials and painting and decorating the home was sufficient to confer a beneficial interest in that home."

She continues: "But the tide turned in the mid-Eighties. Now, the situation is that, in the absence of any agreement, cohabitees must have an interest in the property in question. Women should provide a contribution in money, or money's worth, such as payments towards the mortgage, or for alterations and additions to the property."

A live-in lover asking for financial support stands little or no chance of success. But a father may be ordered to make available a house for the children of the relationship until they reach 18. The Child Support Agency makes financial arrangements for the children of both live-in relationships and marriage.

ANNE ASHWORTH

Confound their politics

INVESTMENT STRATEGY



ANTHONY HARRIS

Here's a how-d'ye-do. A Mexican peasant leader stages a fit of the diplomatic sulks, and before you know it the Footsie is down more than 18 points. Today, President Yeltsin's heart condition. And if the global market can transmit remote shocks so quickly, what, you are entitled to wonder, if the next shock is nearer home — if, for example, the gilt auction had flopped again, or if the Italian Government had fallen yesterday? There is certainly no shortage of threats: secession by Quebec, a new run on the French franc, new Irish troubles, even a US government default; not to mention the suggestive, ever-lengthening shadow of Tony Blair.

Political risk is always liable to spook markets, simply because it is so difficult to price. A purely financial market looks like child's play by comparison, though your assessment of risk will depend on whether you are a fundamentalist, a chartist, an enthusiast for one of the many cylical theories — or, like me, market-monetarist one day and plain contrarian the next. But market theory can in fact tell us something about political risk, too. A real bull market will shrug off irrelevances. A market which looks over-bought will shy at small noises, even from Mexican peasants.

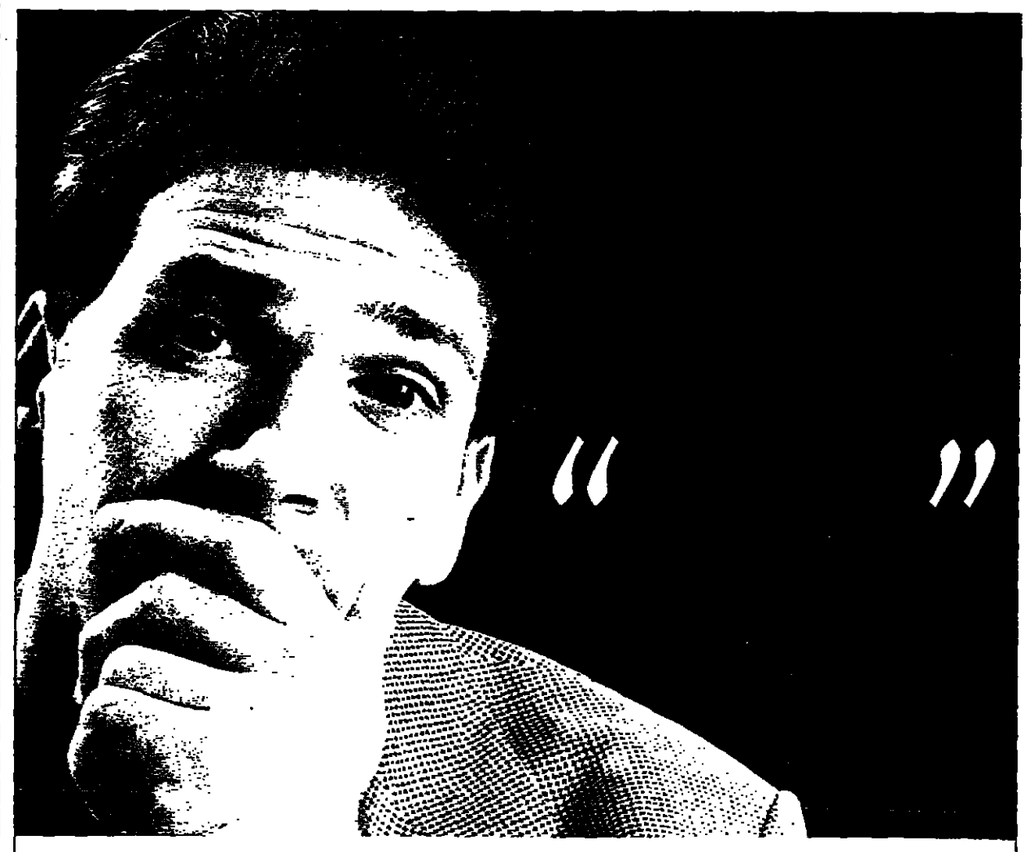
Read these two paragraphs together, and you will be driven to a distinctly uncomfortable conclusion: that the market is unusually sensitive, as this column has suggested it must become, and that there is an unusually high probability of real shocks. The usual pattern of a money-driven market — drifting up, then lurching down — is trying at the best of times. At the worst, you must seriously consider the risk that the next downward lurch will be the one that starts the avalanche.

On purely market grounds, the bull should have quite a long run yet — prices and yields are not remotely as over-stretched as they were before the 1987 crash. All bull runs end with a crash, but my own best guess for London, other things being equal, would be that the next crash will come after a further strong rise, and leave prices pretty near their present level. Wall Street would probably end up down, but Tokyo, the third great market, is pre-crashed, which is no doubt why it is attracting strong foreign buying in spite of an obstinate slump.

All perfectly logical. But what if other things are not equal? A nervous market tends to take a gloomy view of what is indeed an unusually turbulent scene; but when everyone is worried about downside surprises, the wise man should look for upside "risks". Here are a few. Quebec votes "non". President Yeltsin recovers again, to hold the fort until the next stage looks less worrying. Congress and the White House pull back from their Budget confrontation at the last minute, as usual; and then General Colin Powell is drafted to win for the Republicans in 1996. Wall Street rejoices. The franc indeed drops out of the ERM, amid angry street scenes — but just like Britain in 1992, all Europe suddenly finds itself liberated from the clammy grip of the Bundesbank. Growth and trade improve.

Just Rosie Scenario, that old seductress? Of course, but no more unlikely, I would argue, than the general disaster that the market imagines on its bad days. Whether you choose to hang on, or to retreat into bonds (or even unrewarding cash), is a matter of temperament rather than of logic. Rosie and Cassandra are both impostors: you should, as Kipling urges, treat them just the same.

But one rule does hold: in an increasingly uncertain world, which I take this to be, expose yourself to the risks you can best assess. Your portfolio should be unusually heavy in sterling assets — equities if your glass is half full, indexed bonds if it is half empty.



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When it's no party for the injured



Jean and Martyn Ginder, rivals in law and nothing else

Britons are far less likely than Americans to sue after an accident, writes **Karen Zagor**

The value of perseverance when it comes to insurance claims was underscored last week when Julia Chute was awarded nearly £455,000 in damages for the burns she received after a friend poured methylated spirits on a barbecue. Although the money will not relieve Mrs Chute of the constant pain she has suffered since the accident, it will help with the expenses that her family has incurred.

If someone is injured in your home, any legal expenses and damages should be covered in full by your insurer, provided you have buildings or contents cover. Most policies offer at least £1 million of liability cover, which should be more than enough to meet all expenses related to the accident. The Association of British Insurers (ABI) says that some offer to pay up to £2 million. Insurers can afford to be generous because few claims are that high.

The ABI recommends contacting your insurer immediately after an accident if you think you might be responsible and are worried about a claim. Otherwise, you should contact the insurer as soon as you receive a solicitor's letter notifying you of intention to sue over the accident.

But insurers will only pay out if you were to blame for the accident. If a friend is injured by a faulty firework after you had done everything properly then you would have no liability. However, the manufacturer could be sued under product liability.

An ABI spokeswoman said: "Insurance companies will always pay out where someone is negligent or liable. That's what the insurance is there for. But if there's a big movement towards this type of claim, then premiums could go up."

It is still fairly rare for insurers to receive large liability claims, but Mrs Chute's case is by no means unique. Last April, Jean Ginder successfully sued her husband for damages estimated at £300,000 for an accident that left her confined to a wheelchair. Martyn Ginder had failed to fix an upstairs window latch; Mrs Ginder broke her back when she fell through the roof trying to rescue her young son who had climbed through the window.

These cases illustrate the peculiarities of claiming under the liability section of a household insurance policy. Mrs Chute was forced to take her friend to court to get the damages, yet there was no acrimony between the two women, in spite of the accident. Similarly, Mrs Ginder sued her husband for negligence, although her love for him remained unshaken.

In theory, suing a loved one to get an insurance pay out should not harm a friendship or marriage: it is the insurance company that will have to pay the damages. The process of proving a claim can take a toll. Insurers do not make payments lightly, and the courts are often used to make sure a claim is genuine. If your friend is not covered, the financial consequences of losing a liability case could be devastating.

A natural reluctance by insurers to pay out can make claiming a lengthy process. Mrs Chute's award came five years after her accident, partly because the insurer had balked at the money involved and refused to settle out of court. The Ginder case took three years, in part because Mr Ginder's insurer claimed that Mrs Ginder had herself been negligent. In the ruling, the judge said Mrs Ginder bore a third of the responsibility for her injury.

In spite of the recent headline cases, Britons are far less likely than Americans to sue for compensation when they hurt themselves. According to the Law Society, about 3 million people suffer personal injury in an accident every year. Although 66 per cent believe someone or something else is to blame, only about 17 per cent consider making a claim.

This may be set to change. A recent move towards conditional fee arrangements, which were introduced this summer, means that it is now much less risky to seek compensation after an accident. A conditional fee arrangement means that the solicitor agrees to charge nothing unless he or she wins the case.

There are, however, other financial risks in a personal injury case. Under British law, the loser pays all. So an unsuccessful claimant may face paying the other side's fees, as well as court fees and expenses for expert witnesses. The Law Society recently introduced an insurance policy that pays up to £100,000 to cover the cost of losing. The policy costs £85 per case and there are no deductibles. The Law Society offers a freephone service (see box).

The amounts that insurers have had to pay out for these liability claims have been quite reasonable in comparison with the many millions of pounds the insurers might have had to fork out if the accidents had occurred in the US. Consumers in the UK are becoming more demanding, though many still don't expect to receive a fortune.

Both Mrs Chute and Mrs Ginder might have been able to make claims under personal accident insurance. Personal accident policies pay out lump sums if you lose sight in one or both eyes and if you lose the use of any limbs. In addition to the one-off payment, most policies will replace your income if you are unable to return to work. There may also be a lump sum payment on accidental death.

The problem with these policies is that they tend to be quite rigid about the way injuries are defined. Mrs Ginder's case would have been fairly straightforward, but Mrs Chute's burns would have fallen outside the strict definitions, so her award might have been lower.



Robin and Julia Chute, who was forced to sue her friend

DO YOU HAVE A CASE?

IF you are thinking of taking legal advice for an injury where someone or something else was to blame, you should ask the following questions:

- What other means of payment are available?
- Am I eligible for legal aid?
- How good are my chances of winning my case?
- What damages would I be likely to receive?
- What can I do if I'm unhappy with the way in which my case is being dealt with?
- What happens if I think the final bill is too high?
- How will I be kept informed as my case progresses?

Source: Law Society. Law Society Accident Line: 0500 192939

A QUESTION OF MONEY

All you need to know about society mergers

Q I took out a Tessa (Tax Exempt Special Savings Account) five years ago with a building society which is about to merge. My Tessa is due to mature early next year — before the merger is complete. How can I remain a member of the society and qualify for the benefits?

A Investors who want to reap the benefits of membership when building societies merge must be members, holding share accounts on specific dates. If you are one of thousands of savers who took out Tessas when they were launched, you need only reinvest £100 of your lump sum with the society in order to maintain membership. The Halifax and the N&P confirm that this will confer continuous membership. Qualifying Halifax savers stand to gain shares when the society merges with the Leeds next year or in early 1997. They must have been borrowers or have at least £100 in an account on November 25, 1994, and at the date of the special general meeting (to be announced). Qualifying N&P members with £100 in a share account on April 28 and December 31, 1995, and at the date of merger with the Abbey National (to be announced), will be at least £500 richer.

Q My Halifax Tessa was worth nearly £12,000 on November 25, 1994, when balances were calculated. If I want to get my maximum entitlement, does this mean I must I keep all my money with the Halifax?

A The more in your account, the greater the payout, up to a maximum £50,000 balance. Your share of the payout will be based on your balance on November 25, 1994, and the date of the SGM, so you may need to top it up in advance. You will be notified of the SGM date. But though the Tessa and its interest are tax-free, if you hold your money in a savings account while you are waiting for the merger, you will have to pay tax on the interest. N&P says savers whose Tessas were maturing will get the £750 of Abbey National shares awarded to all two-year savers if they opened a new savings account, and a further payment based on the percentage of the balance in their account at December 31, 1995.

Q My Tessa matures in January and I have only six months within which to reinvest it. I do not know the merger date. Do I have to take out another Halifax Tessa to ensure I qualify for a new Tessa and my maximum payout?

A The Halifax says that since it does not know the SGM or merger dates, investors would be wise to put their money into another Halifax Tessa if they want to shield it from tax while receiving a payout on their maximum balance. But the society has made clear that payouts will be weighted in favour of those with basic membership rights — ie, with small balances of more than £100. The next qualifying band is £1,000, up to a £50,000 maximum.

Q My mortgage with the Halifax is about to mature. How can I stay a member of the society?

A Those whose mortgage ends before the merger is complete can remain members by keeping £125 outstanding on their mortgage account. They pay interest at the normal variable rate and the debt can eventually be paid off in a lump sum. If they want to buy another house they must reapply for a new mortgage.

Q I am selling my home at a loss and moving to rented accommodation. Can I continue my mortgage debt repayments to pay off my negative equity and remain a borrower and member of the society?

A This depends on your local branch. Some branches may be prepared to allow you to continue with the mortgage repayments, but it depends on your personal circumstances. The Halifax says that there is no blanket policy on this issue.

Hunter, farmer, or plodding gatherer?

Are you one of life's hunters? If you won a thousand pounds at the races would you gamble it all again in the hope of making a million? Or are you so frightened of ending up penniless that you hide your money under the bed?

No matter what sex, class or age you are, you are either a hunter, a farmer or a gatherer when it comes to investment, says Dr David Lewis, a psychologist. If you like to play safe, enjoy a little risk but would never stake everything on a single gamble, then you are a farmer, in common with John Major, Sir Colin Marshall, Eddie George and Cedric Brown.

Dr Lewis says these personality types, which make up just under a third of investors, never walk away from a deal empty handed, and will probably enjoy a lifetime of steady income. But they are outshone by the aggressive hunters, who are constantly on the look-out for the highest returns, and range from life's sophisticated players — George Soros, Rupert Murdoch, Lord King, Margaret Thatcher — to the utterly naive.

"While a minority of skilled hunters return from the chase weighed down with wealth, the unwise or unwary can receive a painful mauling in the investment jungle," he says. Dr Lewis, a former lecturer at Sussex University who now runs his own consultancy in Tunbridge Wells, conducted a telephone survey among 1,000 investors with NatWest Bank's help.

He found that unlike Americans, British investors are reluctant to take big risks. Only one in five is prepared to risk making a good profit, even when the worst he can suffer is to make no gain at all. Nevertheless, they are more aggressive than the Japanese, who as a nation are more timid investors, or gatherers. "Gatherers, epitomised by doctors and accountants, adopt a cautious approach and want to gather in as good a crop of cash as possible without running the risk of losing their funds. They are careful, cautious, conservative individuals, and long-term savers."

Dr Lewis found the vast majority of investors placed themselves in this category, with 73 per cent opting for safety and security over high returns, partly because of job insecurity.

"Had this survey been conducted in the Eighties, we would have found a very different response. Then, people saw taking risks as exciting, glamorous, and almost certain to turn out right. Today their psychology is utterly different. People are playing safe, unwilling to take even a small risk."

MARIANNE CURPHEY

S&P tops Pep-movers list

Abandoning a poor-performing personal equity plan takes courage. But investors are increasingly deciding to cut their losses and transfer to new plans in the hope of better things. The trend has been spurred by the compilation of Pep league tables where plans are rated on various criteria, including yield and "consistency", giving an overall score. Consistency is a measure of a plan's consistent performance which can often be in marked contrast with the statistics used to promote a Pep. These will highlight the periods when a plan outdid, rather than lagged, its peers.

The league tables are prepared by independent Pep research groups, such as Allenbridge and BESt Investment which calls its list of Peps best abandoned as a hopeless cause, its "Pack of Dogs". Allenbridge suggests investors should switch from any Pep scoring 33 points or below (chart-toppers can score up to 90). The group will provide a report on the performance of your Pep, comparing it with its recommended plans.

Before deciding to transfer, investors should assess the cost of the exercise. Some Pep providers make a charge for transferring. There is also almost certain to be an entrance fee for your new Pep of an initial charge of 2-6 per cent.

An analysis of 1,000 investors who switched Peps via Allenbridge shows that most (122) transferred from Save & Prosper. Another 106 turned their backs on Invesco, 50 each decamped from Lloyds, Allied Dunbar and Fidelity, and 38 quit Midland. For a free copy of the latest league table, call Allenbridge on 0500 551000.

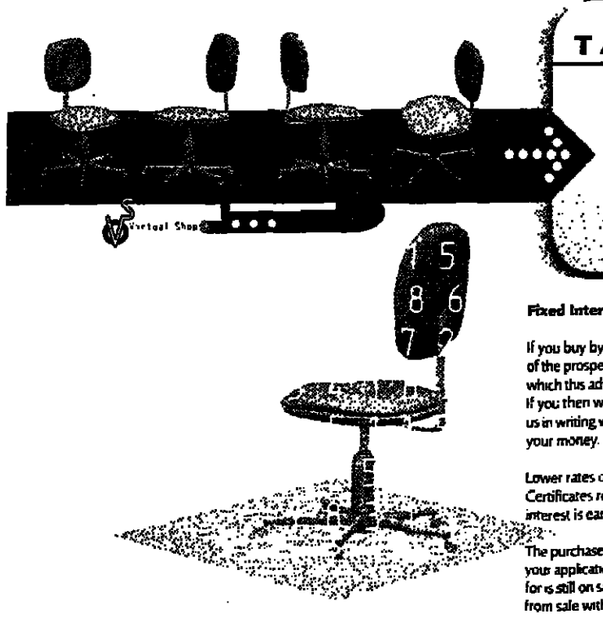
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COMMENT

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Personal Finance Editor

The unhappy experience of the pop star Sting whose trust in his accountant was so sorely, and so expensively, deceived is a cautionary tale for all those who put their faith in a financial adviser. The singer felt that there was little need to seek information about about his investments; as his adviser had become a pal.

All those who have also seen a business relationship turn into a friendship have felt embarrassed about asking even simple questions. The elderly victims of the home-income plan scandals of the Eighties are a case in point.

Even when some suspected that things were going badly wrong, they felt reluctant to voice their concerns to their adviser, as he had been "often a guest in our home", or, in one instance, "like a son to us."

As I noted down their remarks, I would reflect that the adviser's betrayal seemed almost as painful as the mismanagement of their money.

The pensioners who are still trying to obtain compensation for their home-income plan losses may be consoled to learn that their misery may have helped to change the system. Those financial advisers whose aim is to do their best for their clients, are, as we report (pages 32-33) starting to be impressed by their new watchdog, the Personal Investment Authority.

Visits from its staff are described as "daunting", rather than routine and predictable, as was the case under the old regime. Fimbra, the PIA's predecessor, placed great reliance on paperwork. But the emphasis is now more on the products recommended.

Advisers are assailed with guidance on correct practice and playing by the rules. Firms of compliance consultants (a calling that must take some explaining at parties) review procedures and suggest improvements. Meanwhile, almost every week, another product becomes a danger zone.

This week, for example, a report, *Advanced Mortgage Principles*, from the PJ Barry Consultancy, is addressed to those few advisers who still cling to the belief that endowment mortgages are a good thing. The report suggests that, in a low inflation environment, with falling house prices, a repayment loan is the only defensible option for a client who wishes to borrow a high percentage of a property's value.

The new alertness of the watchdogs will not unearth every rogue, or piece of advice intended to enrich the adviser not the client. Nor should it give investors too much peace of mind. If you decide to employ an adviser, you should subject the firm to regular inquisitions. Those who remember Sting's early hits will now be humming, *I can't stand losing you*. Then he was not singing about money. He may now have changed his tune.

Too risky

IN A less than surprising finding, a pyschologist has concluded that most investors are "gatherers", averse to risk. For the gatherer type, the word "guaranteed" has an especially reassuring ring which may be the reason why financial marketing persons are so fond of it.

But, as every gatherer also knows, guarantees may not be what they seem. The Japanese Guaranteed Stock Market Bond from Save & Prosper, bears out this view. Investors are promised 125 per cent of the growth in the Japanese market.

Charles Levett-Scrivener, small-print expert at Towry Low, the financial adviser, has however, spotted a line stating that the growth will be calculated "using the average of quarterly index levels." He explains: "This manoeuvre roughly halves the value of the rise in the index, before the multiplier (the 125 per cent) is applied. This means that the 125 per cent pledge is misleading." But even before this warning, gatherers may have been frightened off. Japan is altogether too far away.

IAN JACKSON



Fosse Way Court leaseholders balked at the two special levies from their landlord

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Tenants take action to cut service bill

Sara McConnell reports on a victory over unreasonable repair demands

Eight leaseholders have forced their landlord to reduce demands for service charges of £2,500 each after a court battle. The court ruled that the landlord had been wrong to demand money from leaseholders for repairs without giving them a chance to obtain their own quotations. It also dismissed the landlord's claim that he had the right to ignore legal requirements to consult leaseholders, on the grounds that repairs were urgent.

Every & Phillips, the Honiton, Devon, solicitor that acted for the tenants, thinks it is the first time leaseholders' rights to dispute service charges have been tested in court when a landlord has not met obligations under Landlord and Tenant Acts to consult residents and act reasonably.

In recent months, *The Times* has highlighted several cases of leaseholders facing big bills for service charges from landlords. Landlords have tried to prevent tenants from exercising their legal rights by threatening them with the prospect of huge legal costs.

In this case, leaseholders' costs, including lost earnings and expenses, were £30,000. They could have had to pay the landlord's costs, which could total more than £100,000, if they had lost. But Patrick Stow, son-in-law of one of the leaseholders, said: "The costs are not that horrendous if you stick together." The eight leaseholders are among 30 owners of flats at Fosse Way Court, two 1960s blocks in Seaton, Devon. The roof of one block was badly damaged in the winter storms of 1990. The landlord's managing agent claimed on the insurance for repairs. He took advantage of the scaffolding put up for the roof repairs to carry out other maintenance. At the same time, a survey on a flat for sale in a neighbouring block revealed defective concrete, prompting the managing agent to have a concrete survey at Fosse Way Court.

The estimate for repairs was £46,505, and flat owners were asked for a special levy of £1,800. Eight refused, saying the landlord had not allowed them their right to get alternative quotations or given them time to consider and that the costs were unreasonable. The landlord claimed all the residents had agreed the work should be done urgently.

The law requires landlords to give tenants details of the works and two estimates. Tenants have a month to get further quotations. In an emergency, the landlord can apply to the courts for a dispensation from having to consult with tenants as long as he can convince the court that he has acted reasonably.

Several months after work began at Fosse Way Court, it emerged that two beams in one of the blocks were disintegrating. The residents were asked for another special levy of £500 each, again stressing the urgency. Again, some flat owners refused to pay the full amount, arguing that they had not been consulted.

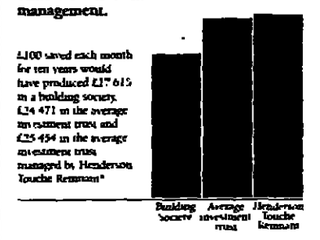
Judge Rutherford ruled at Bridgwater County Court that the landlord had not acted reasonably by demanding more money for the beam repairs, so could not dispense with the need to consult tenants on these works. He said: "There was not even an attempt to negotiate with the flat owners or request their approval to dispense with the requirements of the Act."

The court reduced each flatowner's bill from £2,500 to £1,735, ruling that the landlord could only claim the statutory minimum of £50 per flat for the beam repairs, as he had not acted reasonably. But tenants were ordered to pay the full cost of the other works, a total of £1,685, because the landlord had acted reasonably in taking advantage of scaffolding and in consulting residents.

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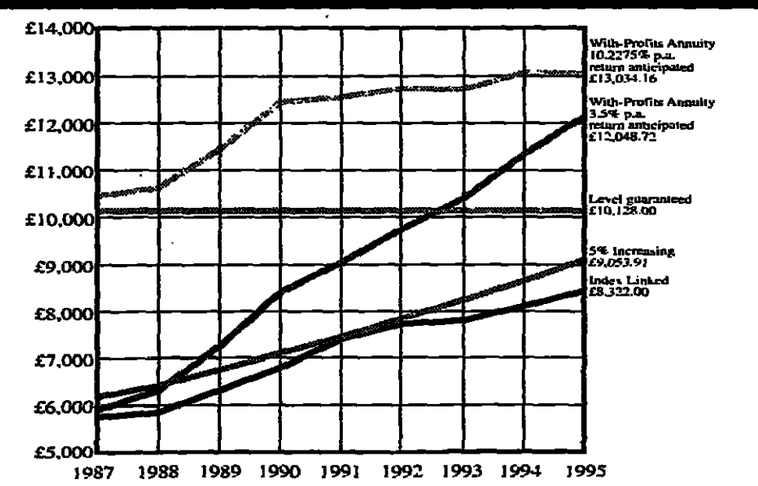
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March	0.866	0.812	0.722	0.623	0.557	0.497	0.447
April	0.858	0.787	0.699	0.589	0.542	0.479	0.428
May	0.845	0.779	0.693	0.582	0.539	0.478	0.418
June	0.840	0.775	0.688	0.578	0.540	0.478	0.413
July	0.839	0.766	0.690	0.581	0.544	0.479	0.411
August	0.839	0.758	0.675	0.577	0.540	0.475	0.396
September	0.840	0.750	0.671	0.578	0.532	0.471	0.388
October	0.831	0.744	0.661	0.575	0.530	0.464	0.375
November	0.822	0.738	0.656	0.570	0.517	0.456	0.369
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September	0.292	0.165	0.119	0.080	0.061	0.039	-
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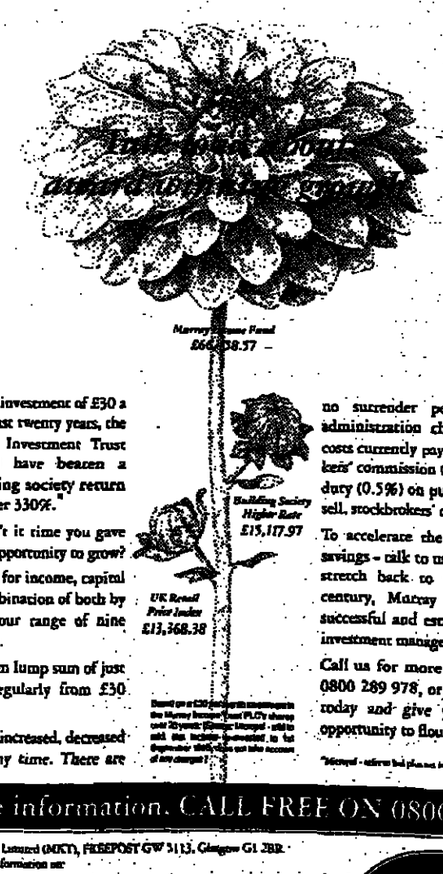
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Financial advisers take a trip back to school

New rules brought in this month will for the first time force all financial advisers to take and pass a three-part examination, the Financial Planning Certificate (FPC). Anyone advising members of the public on investments, including bank and building society employees and life company agents, must have passed all three parts by July 1997 at the latest. Anyone starting work as a financial adviser from now on will have to take the examination before they are let loose on investors.

This is the first time financial advisers have needed a professional examination. Some independent financial advisers criticise it for being too biased towards life assurance and not rigorous enough but welcome it as a step forward. Nic Round, of Nic Round Associates, says: "It is worth doing but it will take a long time before we get "professionalism". I think the introduction of exams and qualifications is essential".

Richard Boyton of Boyton Financial Services said: "There is still a life assurance emphasis but it is a great step forward for people in the industry". Mr Boyton is planning to take the Advanced Financial Planning Certificate (AFPD).

The move to an across-the-board compulsory examination was resisted by some life companies who wanted to hold their own in-house tests for their salesmen. In the past, many salesmen have been allowed to sell complicated policies such as pensions after a few days' training that emphasised selling rather than technical competence.

James Higgins of Chamberlain de Broe recalls that he was "positively discouraged" from taking demanding tax examinations by the life company he was working for in the early 1980s.

The FPC is set by the Chartered Insurance Institute and includes questions on basic finance and financial regulation, pensions, insurance and investments. On top of the FPC, financial advisers now have to show they have done 50 hours a year of continuous professional development, of which 15 are "structured" and 35 are "unstructured".

Structured hours include presentations by life offices and unit-trust companies. In theory, these are meant to be educational sessions, but in practice, according to Mark Bolland of Chamberlain de Broe, "a lot of them are a joke. They turn into a hard-sell by an insurance company". Unstructured hours include reading articles in the press and technical journals. But hours used studying for exams that an adviser subsequently fails cannot be counted as unstructured CPD.

Regulators toughen up their act

Regulators have been tightening up their monitoring and inspection regimes over the past 12 months. They want to restore public confidence in financial services companies badly scarred by a spate of well-publicised scandals involving mis-selling of personal pensions and home income plans.

The Personal Investment Authority (PIA), which now authorises most firms selling investments to the public, is putting in place a series of measures to protect investors, including unannounced visits to firms to inspect their books and public suspensions of firms found breaking rules.

Independent financial advisers say a PIA inspection is a rigorous and unnerving experience and much more thorough than one by Fimbra, the PIA's predecessor. More than 500 firms are, however, still regulated by Fimbra, which will be wound up in October 1996, pending their acceptance by the PIA.

The PIA has divided firms internally into low, high and medium risk, which governs how often they are inspected. High-risk companies can expect a visit at least every 12 months, and low-risk companies every 30 months. Risk ratings are reviewed annually, but companies are a higher risk if they handle clients' money or market high-risk investments. The PIA insists companies are not categorised as high risk because they are "dodgy".

Firms found breaking the rules can expect a stiff timetable to put matters right, followed by a further inspection. They can face suspension for serious offences. But the PIA admitted that it could not guard completely against fraud.

Chamberlain de Broe had a PIA inspection three weeks ago, which lasted for two days. The company said: "The visit was daunting. He asked to see a total of 40 files. He followed through one transaction from our business book, matching it up with the financial accounts and tracing it right the way back to the beginning. He was a lot more impressive than Fimbra, very switched on. He knew which the high-risk products were."



Bolland: "rapport"



Boyton: "analyst"

Nic Round Associates is about to face a PIA inspection. It was given three weeks' notice and a week to prepare and send off copies of documentation, including details of the company, its accounts, it new business book, its client agreements and copies of its advertising. Alison Lawrence, who is preparing the firm's response to the PIA, says the new regulator wanted much more detail than Fimbra. "With Fimbra, as long as you had all the documents there, that was all they minded about. They didn't really know the products."

Boyton Financial Services is still a member of Fimbra, which visits once a year. The firm handles clients' money. Richard Boyton said: "Two blokes come down for three days and go through everything."

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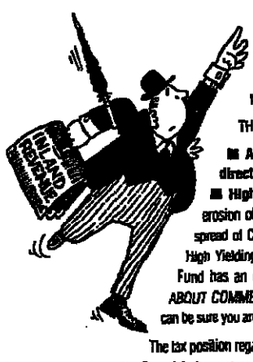
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Rent or buy dilemma for homehunters

With no end in sight to the housing market doldrums, more people are renting instead of buying. A survey by Cluttons London Residential Agency noted that lettings in July, August and September, traditionally the peak renting season, were 10 per cent ahead of last year.

Guy Griffin, head of Foxtons short-let properties department, says: "The idea of sales is no longer what it was in the 1980s.

"The housing market is fairly stable in London, but it's not going up. No longer can you expect to get 10 per cent plus per annum. And there is the fear that prices could drop again."

Nor is the trend confined to London. Ann Gibbons, lettings negotiator with Robert Jordan Associates, estate agents in Manchester, has seen a steady rise in renting.

She says: "I think people are a little wary. They are worried about their jobs and about the housing market."

■ Are renters throwing away their financial future?

Buying a home has been regarded until now as the cornerstone of good financial planning. After all, we all need somewhere to live, and contributing to your own mortgage seems more sensible than giving away money to a landlord, even if housing prices stand still.

Some argue though that there is no point buying in the current market unless your mortgage payments are markedly less than the amount you would pay in rent. Kim Wilson-Gough of financial planners Kirkham Motte Partners, says: "This preoccupation with home ownership is very much a British disease. In Europe and America people tend to rent until they have a wad of money in the bank. Then they buy later using a much higher cash element."

■ When does it make sense to rent?

Mr Wilson-Gough believes many people would be better off living below their means in rental accommodation for several years and putting their savings into a tax-sheltered investment which has a good chance of growing. By waiting until you have a bigger nest egg, you will be able to get a smaller mortgage with lower monthly payments. And you will not lose as much in interest to the bank.

"You must do the numbers very carefully," says Wilson-Gough. "It is important to make a lifetime plan and ask yourself what you are trying to achieve."

■ The cost of buying

When deciding whether to brave the housing market, it is important to calculate the true cost of home ownership. First there are the initial expenses such as legal and survey fees. You may also have to buy home appliances, such as a fridge and cooker. Then there are the regular expenses such as repairs, water rates, building and contents insurance and council tax. There may also be ground rent. And there will almost always be decorating expenses, because once

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you own a home it is hard to resist spending money on it.

■ The cost of renting

Tenants do not pay for repairs or appliances. If the boiler breaks, the landlord must repair it. Landlords also usually pay water rates. But tenants are responsible for council tax, gas, electricity and telephone bills. Initially, there may also be tenancy agreement fees, of about £50 to £80 plus VAT. Tenants will be expected to leave a deposit of four to six weeks' rent.

■ What will you get when you rent?

The amount of space you get will depend on how many other people are hoping to rent the same property. The further you are from the London commuter belt, the cheaper your rent should be. In areas where there is high demand for two-bedroom flats, it may not cost much more to rent a three-bedroom property.

According to September rental figures from Winkworth, average rent for a two-bedroom flat in Islington, north London, is £250 a week, compared with £150 a week in Battersea, south London. By contrast, Cluttons says a deluxe three-bedroom cottage in Oxfordshire would rent for less than £175 a week.

■ How secure is your rental?

Renting is a good idea for the footloose, who do not plan to stay in one spot for long. But the flexibility comes at a cost. Under the Housing Act of 1988, shorthold tenants are guaranteed a six months tenancy. After that, the landlord can give notice to repossess the property. Usually a landlord will have to give a tenant two months' notice, while a tenant usually only has to give a landlord one month's notice to vacate the property. Terms will be dictated by the tenancy agreement. Under the same Act, a non-paying tenant can be evicted after four months.

Before signing a lease, try to find out whether the landlord is looking for a long-term tenant. Annabel Barnes, senior manager at Cluttons London Residential Agency, says: "Make sure your agent knows if you are looking for a long let. A lot will depend on whether the property is an investment or the owner's own home. If a landlord is looking for some quick money while trying to sell the property, that is not what you are after. A lot of people who buy for investment are very happy to let for a year or even longer."

■ Trouble-shooting

To avoid any nasty shocks, make sure everything is spelled out in the tenancy agreement from the beginning. If there is a garden, establish who is responsible for its maintenance. If the flat is furnished, ask who pays the contents insurance.

Tenants rarely have the freedom to decorate their homes, even when those homes are unfurnished. Tenancy agreements allow for standard picture hooks to be used, but the tenant is required to repair any damage. Wear and tear is allowed, but most tenancy agreements state that tenants are obliged to leave a property in the same state in which it was entered.

■ Paying too much rent?

If you think your rent is excessively high, you can apply to have it assessed by a rent officer, in accordance with the Rent Act of 1977. The landlord cannot prevent an application and the assessed rent will become the maximum payable, even if you had agreed to pay more.

■ Hope at hand

No one should be deterred from buying a property if they find a genuine bargain. And if you are one of the many people trying to cope with negative equity, there is some hope. Banks and building societies are being forced to become much more flexible with their borrowers who are struggling with the problems of negative equity.

The *Which? Guide to Renting and Letting* is a useful source.

KAREN ZAGOR

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Revamp for private health cover

Against the background of a hard-pressed NHS, companies providing private medical insurance (PMI) have earmarked millions of pounds for advertising campaigns designed to convince the public that they need a PMI policy if they want peace of mind about their future healthcare.

Earlier this autumn, Prime Health launched a £2m campaign to "de-mystify" PMI while PPP upped the stakes by announcing a £30m "attack on the UK private healthcare market". But while extolling their virtues, companies rarely make entirely clear their own systems of rationing cover.

There are hopes, however, that as competition in the market increases, the cover will also improve. A number of household-name companies are expected to launch PMI policies soon, including Legal & General, and Direct Line, applying its successful direct-selling approach.

The growing interest in the healthcare market from insurers stems from two main developments. On the one hand, an increasingly good sales pitch is being provided for them by a Government clearly concerned about the escalating costs of the NHS, and local health authorities which have already started to ration their services.

On the other, with their life and pensions business flagging within a heavily regulated sales regime, insurance companies see the PMI market — where only voluntary sales guidelines exist at present — as a much freer one in which to expand.

One of the first of the traditional insurers to offer PMI was Norwich Union. Through intensive marketing, it has rapidly become the third-largest PMI provider behind Bupa and PPP. Last year, Standard Life bought Prime Health, which claims to be the UK's fifth-largest health insurer. There is still ample room for expansion. Currently, only 11 per cent of the population have PMI cover. After strong growth during the 1980s, demand for PMI stagnated in the early 1990s, but it started to pick up again last year.

According to Laing & Busson, publishers of Laing's *Review of Private Healthcare*, if current trends continue the PMI market will grow by more than 40 per cent by the end of the decade, increasing the number of people covered to some 9 million.

In revamping its product range, PPP has come up with a number of new ideas to attract new customers. It will be providing "personal advisers" who can pre-authorise treatment, giving customers access to a 24-hour health and medical telephone information line.

It has introduced free health checks and eye tests across its policy range. And, in addition to its four mainstream PMI policies, it has launched a special policy for women to cover infertility treatment, pregnancy, HRT and cancer, plus a Fast Track policy for sporty people with "active lifestyles" giving access to outpatient and day-care surgery.

Dr Penny O'Nions, healthcare finance specialist at advisers De Havilland, believes PPP has come up with some genuine improvements such as the pre-authorisation of treatment. "It will remove the fear that people have about not knowing whether their claim will be met or not."

She adds: "No insurer has covered infertility treatment before and traditionally they have shied away from HRT. "The Fast Track policy will help people who feel that relying on the NHS when they suffer minor sports injuries is like walking a tightrope."

Where problems with PMI claims frequently arise is in the treatment of pre-existing conditions. PPP specifically states that its plans do not cover these conditions, though with its new top-of-the range Platinum policy it is prepared to provide cover for pre-existing ailments at a price.

For example, a 50-year-old customer with mild arthritis or asthma might pay an extra 25 per cent. For a more serious illness such as severe angina, for example, a larger weighting of the order of 125 per cent could be applied.

PPP is not the only policy to offer cover for pre-existing conditions. Another smaller company to do so is Clinicare.

Pre-existing conditions are less of a problem if you are a member of an employer's PMI scheme, according to Dr O'Nions.

She explains: "Insurers are less worried about pre-existing conditions when you are a member of a group scheme because their risk is spread. Other forms of cover may also be better, such as cover for psychiatric care. Your policy will also cost less."

Where you come unstuck, she says, is when you leave your job. "You may find it more difficult to get cover for ailments you have developed and your premiums are likely to increase considerably."

Many individual policies nowadays operate "moratorium" clauses. If you have been to your doctor about a certain illness within, say, the last five years and have no further treatment for another two years after taking out your policy, then you will be covered. All insurers, though, draw the line at paying for the treatment of chronic conditions because of the open-ended financial commitment this would involve. The difficulty is that while chronic problems are generally defined as those which are recurring or incurable, to obtain definite examples of treatments that would be excluded is not easy.

Bob Bycroft of Clinicare admits that there are many grey areas. He says: "The PMI industry is petrified by chronic conditions but they don't want to declare it on a platform. In our case, we define it as any episode which lasts longer than 26 weeks."

John DuBois explains how PPP deals with the problem. "When it is clear to us, from the information we receive from the patient's specialist, that treatment of a condition is becoming long-term maintenance treatment ... we would seek to withdraw benefit for that maintenance treatment. "In such cases, we could, of course, give a reasonable period of notice of this withdrawal to be fair to the customer and his or her general practioner so that they can arrange for further treatment if necessary."

There are three broad bands of policies:

- Budget plans, which restrict cover in various ways such as in choice of hospital, not paying for outpatient care, or only paying for treatment where waiting lists are six weeks or longer;
- Standard plans which cover for most in- and out-patient treatments;
- Top-of-the-range plans which include extra cover such as GP's fees and dental cover.

Financial advisers like Irene Gallimore of Sedgwick Noble Lowndes Healthcare warn against choosing policies on price alone. She says: "We all have our financial constraints but you should compare a number of policies within your price range to find out what they do not cover as well as what they cover."

She says it may be worth paying a few pounds more for wider cover and you may be able to keep your costs down on your chosen policy anyway by accepting an excess payable of, say, £100.

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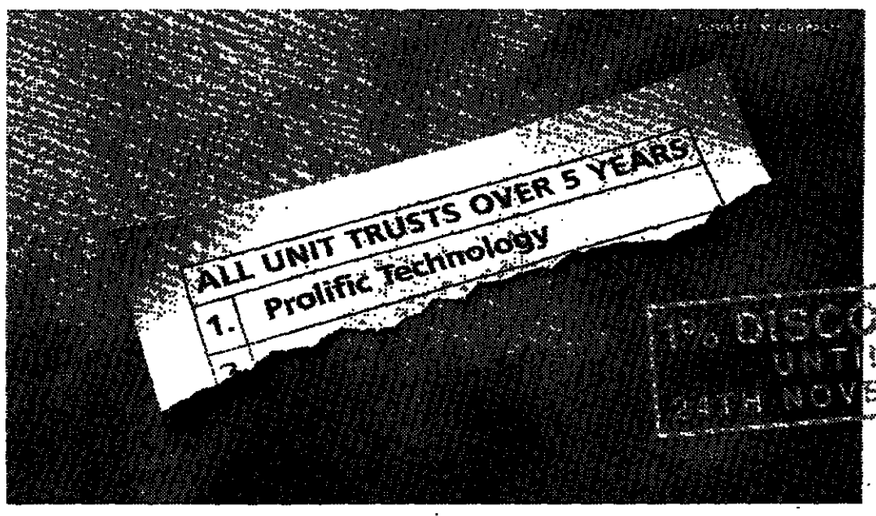
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Abbey Life	Healthcare	77.78
Guardian Health	Aegis	78.68
Exeter Friendly Society	Preferred	82.04
Allied Dunbar	Healthcare	82.39
BUPA	BupaCare	91.50
WPA	Cedar	92.04
Clinicare	Classic	96.05
Norwich Union	Express	111.52
PPP	Extensive	119.30
Cigna	Personal	128.44

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	£500+	3.50	2.63	–	–
	£3,000+	4.05	3.04	–	–
	£10,000+	4.50	3.38	–	–
	£25,000+	5.10	3.83	–	–
Special Asset	£2,500+	4.05	3.04	3.95	2.96
	£5,000+	4.45	3.34	4.35	3.26
	£10,000+	5.15	4.09	5.30	3.98
	£20,000+	5.90	4.43	5.70	4.28
	£40,000+	6.05	4.54	5.85	4.39
	£80,000+	6.35	4.76	6.15	4.61
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Classic II*		5.75	–	–	–
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Premier Deposit*	£1+	0.25	0.19	–	–
	£100+	1.00	0.75	–	–
	£10,000+	4.20	3.15	–	–
	£25,000+	4.95	3.71	–	–
Privilege Bond	£5,000+	6.00	4.50	5.80	4.35
	£25,000+	6.50	4.88	6.30	4.73
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	£50,000+	5.00	3.75	4.85	3.64
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	£10,000+	4.75	3.56	–	–
Option 6	£2,500+	4.65	3.49	4.50	3.38
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	£25,000+	6.15	4.61	5.90	4.43
	£50,000+	6.40	4.80	6.10	4.58
	£100,000+	6.55	4.91	6.25	4.69
Matured Vintage Bond and Renewal Bond	£50+	0.50	0.38	0.50	0.38
	£500+	2.75	2.06	2.75	2.06
	£3,000+	3.30	2.48	3.30	2.48
	£10,000+	3.75	2.81	3.75	2.81
	£25,000+	4.35	3.26	4.35	3.26
Maturity Bond	£5,000+	6.00	4.50	5.80	4.35
	£25,000	6.50	4.88	6.30	4.73
Annual	£10,000+	5.75	4.31	5.55	4.16
	£30,000+	6.15	4.61	5.95	4.46
Spa TESSA 1*		6.00	–	–	–
Spa TESSA 2*		5.50	–	–	–
TESSA Feeder Account I		6.25	4.69	–	–

TESSAs	Gross		Bonus		Tax-Exempt
	% p.a.		% p.a.		% p.a.
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Norway — land of mountains, fjords and good investment opportunities, according to NatWest Securities' team

Trusts excite NatWest team

When Robin Angus says that he is more excited about the prospects for investment trusts than he has been for years, investors should take note.

What particularly stirs the imagination of the NatWest Securities analyst in this year's *Investment Trust Annual*, published yesterday, is the variety now available among the 332 listed investment trusts and the sheer inefficiencies apparent in the running of many of them. Harnessed together these two themes provide promising investment opportunities.

In the book's look ahead section, Mr Angus, and Hamish Buchan, a fellow director, say the investment trust sector is "brimming over with opportunities. High discounts once meant rubbishy trusts. But these days they can also signal unrecognised values. There will be a steady stream of useful profits to be made from exploiting such market inefficiencies."

The new issues that have dominated investors' thinking over the past few years will be replaced by restructurings, mergers and bids from within the sector itself. New issues are often so small these days that they merely add to the "tail of the tadpole" in the sector and liquidity for larger investors who want to deal in the shares is minimal.

To start the search for value within investment trusts it is necessary to look at the sector as a whole and in doing so discard some of categories that are not suited to your portfolio or ones that need more research before committing your money. Of the 332 trusts in existence only 101 were around in their present form ten years ago. Collectively they offer a staggering 634 different types of securities, excluding conventional debentures and preference shares. There are, for example, 21 "different" brands of conventional income shares alone and more than double that number of zero-dividend preference shares plus 165 warrants. "What are we going to do about it?" he says.

As a portfolio bedrock you need a good generalist trust. They are liquid and well-supported by links to personal equity plans and regular savings schemes. Mr Angus argues: "If you didn't buy them you could never hope to get your look-through geographical weightings right in a decent-sized trust portfolio."

Turning to his annual "lucky dip", Mr Angus says of Foreign & Colonial, the oldest and one of the largest trusts, "I wouldn't rush to sell it but at these levels I wouldn't buy it unless it did something I couldn't resist in the form of an investment initiative." Martin Currie's Scottish Eastern represents "good sound value" while British Empire Securities, Monks and English & Scottish all receive honourable mentions.

As a house view, the NatWest team is bullish of the US on a 12-month outlook and "even more bullish" of a hedged exposure to Japan. Those tipped as strong "buys" include Dundedin Worldwide, Kleinwort Overseas and Fleming Overseas. In Europe NatWest is most bullish about Norway, France and Italy. Those best placed to exploit these markets are Fidelity European Values, which has a high exposure to Norway, Paribas French, Second Market and Schroder Mediterranean.

ROBERT MILLER

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TRUST WATCH

ON the grounds that you are never too young to start saving, the unit trust industry is backing an educational competition to encourage schools and colleges to teach their pupils about *money management* (Robert Miller writes).

ProShare, the non-profit-making organisation that promotes share ownership, has teamed up with the Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds (Autif) to promote a Personal Finance Education Award 1996 with a top prize of £1,000. Second and third places will win £500 and £250 respectively.

The new award follows the recent launch of ProShare's *Your Money — Be Wise* guide, which is a curriculum-linked manual for teachers "to help them to bring personal-finance management alive in the classroom" says ProShare.

Gill Knott, ProShare's chief executive, adds: "All young people need to understand the basic issues surrounding money management.

"For example, they need to be able to write a cheque, to understand about interest rates, to manage a budget or to know about deductions from their earnings."

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THE TIMES MONEY INFORMATION SERVICE

Barclays opens new account

Barclays Bank has launched a financial service for foreign nationals and UK expatriates. Barclays Premier Banking International will operate initially from three centres, based in the Isle of Man, Jersey and Knightsbridge, west London, and is targeted at customers with more than £50,000 to invest. A personalised service is offered, covering banking, trust, financial planning, international funds and advice on offshore investment. For further information, call 0171 290 6900 or ask at a branch.

■ Few private investors have traded on the bond market, says Sharelink's new booklet *How to Select and Use Corporate Bonds for a Pep*. Under the new Pep rules, the freedom from having to pay either income or capital gains tax, which previously applied only to shares, has now been extended to include corporate bonds as well. Sharelink's booklet sets out the types of bonds traded, how the bond market works and factors to take into account when choosing a bond for your Pep. Free by calling 0121 233 9955.

■ The Council of Mortgage Lenders has published a leaflet on the benefits and advice available to borrowers experiencing mortgage repayment difficulties. *Assistance with Mortgage Repayments* includes details of the new regulations for income support in helping to pay mortgage interest, what to do if your income is reduced and lists agencies offering specialist advice. The leaflet is available by writing to The Council of Mortgage Lenders Bookshop, 3 Savile Row, London, W1X 1AF, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

■ Which? Books has produced their latest Action Pack. *Make Your Own Will*, outlining the stages involved in drawing up a will and highlighting the pitfalls to be avoided. Most people can draw up their own will, the publication explains, except when you are providing for someone with disabilities or have been married more than once. Worksheets to help you calculate your worth, legacies and bequests are included in the pack. *Make Your Own Will* is based on the law in England and Wales. Available from bookshops or on 0800 252100, priced £10.99.

LIZANNE ROSE

SAVERS BEST BUYS

INSTANT ACCESS ACCOUNTS	Account	Notice of term	Deposit	Rate	Interest paid
Scottish Widows Bank 0345 829629	Instant Acc	Postal	£250	5.60	Yly
Co-operative Bank 0345 252000	Pathfinder	Instant	£5,000	5.90	Mly
Leeds & Holbeck BS 0113 2438292	Albion	Postal	£10,000	6.00	Yly
Brmnghm Midshires BS 0645 720721	First Class	Postal	£25,000	6.20	Yly

FIXED RATES	Account	Notice of term	Deposit	Rate	Interest paid
Sun Banking Corp 01438 744505	Investment Cert	1yr bond	£1,000	6.60	F/Yly
Leeds & Holbeck BS 0113 244 0357	Investment Bond	2yr bond	£5,000	7.05	F/Yly
Woolwich BS 0800 400900	Fixed Rate Bond	3yr bond	£500	7.25	F/Yly
Nrwch & Ptrbrgh BS 01733 391497	Fxd Intrst Bond	5yr bond	£10,000	7.75	F/Yly

NOTICE ACCOUNTS AND BONDS	Account	Notice of term	Deposit	Rate	Interest paid
City & Metrpltan BS 0181 464 0814	Super 60	60 day	£500	5.80	Yly
Scarborough BS 0800 590578	Scarborough 50	50 day	£1,000	6.60	Yly
Halifax BS 01422 333333	Special Rsrv	1 yr bnd	£10,000	6.90	OM
Greenwich BS 0181 858 8212	Flagship Term	2 yr bnd	£5,000	7.00	Yly

CREDIT CARDS BEST BUYS

CREDIT CARDS	Card type	Interest per month	APR%	Fee per annum
Robert Fleming/S&P 0800 829024	MasterCard/Visa	0.98%G	12.40%	Nil C
Royal Bank of Scotland 0800 161616	MasterCard	1.14%	14.50%	Nil C
Frizzell Bank 0800 373191	MasterCard/Visa	1.17%	16.10%	£11

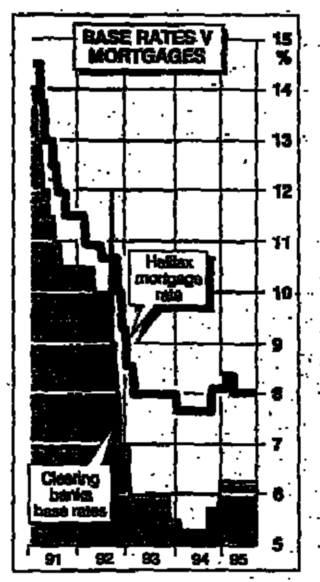
PERSONAL LOANS BEST BUYS

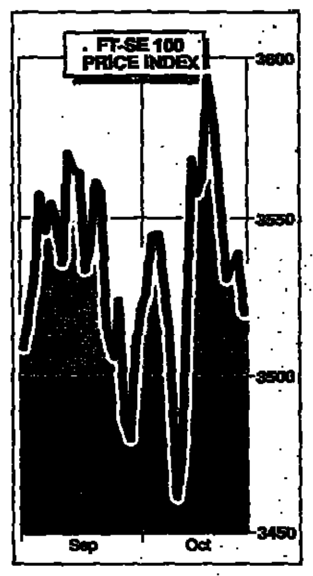
PERSONAL LOANS	APR	Monthly payment on £3,000 for 3yrs with insurance	no insurance
Midland 0800 180180	15.40%	£116.54	£103.14
N&P BS 0800 808080	15.50%	£118.22	£103.29
Clydesdale Bank 0800 240024	16.20%	£113.94	£103.33

Nb. A - Feeder account required. In the interest paid columns, C = no interest free period D = annual fee rebated £1.5K+ charged per annum E = Annual fee waived for 1st year for new accounts F = fixed rate (all other rates are variable); OM denotes interest paid on maturity

* RATES SHOWN ARE GROSS AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE
PLEASE CHECK RATES BEFORE INVESTING

Source: MoneyFacts, The Monthly Guide to Investment & Mortgage Rates (01692 500 677)





	Gross rate	At tax rates 25%	40%	Min/maximum investment £	Notes	Contact
Ordinary A/c¹	2.00	1.50	1.20	10-10,000		01416494555
Investment A/c* s	5.25	3.94	3.15	20-499	1mth	01416494555
Income Bond* s	6.50	4.88	3.90	2,000-24,999	3mth	01253766151
First Opt Bond4	6.40	4.80	3.84	1,000-250,000		01416362558
42nd Issue Cert†s	5.85			100-10,000	8day	01913864900
Children's Bond†	7.85			25-1,000	1mth	01416362635
Gen Ext Rate	3.51					
Capital Bonds s	7.75	5.81	4.65	100-250,000	8day	01416362693
8th Index Linked†s	3.00			100-10,000	8day	01913864900
Pensnrs Bond S2 s	7.50	5.63	4.50	500-20,000s	60day	01253766151

¹ first £70 (£140 jt) of int tax free, inst accs for up to £100 ² Additional hldgs up to £20,000 for reinvested proceeds †Tax free *Rates gross and vble s Guaranteed when held for 5 years ³0.3% net bonus for £20,000+ ⁴£40,000 jt in addition to £1 holdings ⁵Taxable but cred in full.

All figures are the gross annual annuity (£100,000 purchase), guaranteed 5 years, paid monthly in advance

SINGLE LIFE (level ann)	Male: Age 60	Age 65	Age 70
Prudential ......Level	£10,377	£11,391	£12,758
Generali ......Level	£10,138	£11,167	£12,508
Royal Life ......Level	£10,047	£11,183	£12,723
Canada Life ......Level	£10,058	£11,227	£12,810
Stndrd Life ......Level	£10,136	£11,204	£12,584

SINGLE LIFE	Female: Age 60	Age 65	Age 70
Generali ......Level	£9,246	£10,091	£11,263
Royal Life ......Level	£9,313	£10,149	£11,380
Canada Life ......Level	£9,230	£10,069	£11,300
Comrcl Union......Level	£9,072	£9,982	£11,242
Prudential ......Level	£9,625	£10,355	£11,428

JOINT LIFE, 2/3 WIDOWS (level annuity)	Male: Age 60 / Female: Age 55	Age 65 / Age 60	Age 70 / Age 65
Prudential ......Level	£9,237	£9,803	£10,599
Royal Life ......Level	£8,855	£9,496	£10,413
Equitble Life......Level	£8,853	£9,374	£10,093
Canada Life ......Level	£8,815	£9,474	£10,408
Generali ......Level	£9,119	£9,732	£10,581

Source: Annuity Direct (0171 588 9393)

Compiled by: Lizanne Rose

GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS

ANNUAL INCOME
Rates as at October 26, 1995

	Investment (£)	Company	Standard Rate (%)
1 Year			
	5,000	AIG Life	5.25
	10,000	AIG Life	5.35
	20,000	AIG Life	5.45
	50,000	AIG Life	5.50
2 Years			
	1,000	Premium Life	5.50
	10,000	AIG Life	5.68
	20,000	AIG Life	5.73
	50,000	AIG Life	5.78
3 Years			
	1,000	Premium Life	5.75
	20,000	AIG Life	5.87
	50,000	AIG Life	5.97
4 Years			
	1,000	Premium Life	6.00
	20,000	AIG Life	6.02
	50,000	AIG Life	6.07
5 Years			
	3,000	Abbey Life	6.85
	15,000	Abbey Life	7.05
	50,000	Abbey Life	7.25

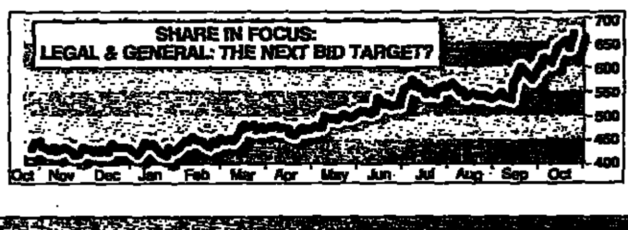
Source: Chamberlain de Broë 0171-434 4222 Net rates. Income and capital guaranteed. Early surrender. Terms vary. Monthly income may be available.
NB: the above quoted rates are stated as net of 25% tax (which cannot be reclaimed).

PIBS

FIXED RATE	Gross coupon	Buying price	% Gross yield	Issue price	Minimum purchase amount
Birmingham Midshires	9.375%	93.47	10.023	100.17	1,000
Bradford & Bingley	11.625%	114.97	10.097	100.13	10,000
Bradford & Bingley	13.000%	128.39	10.112	100.20	10,000
Bristol & West	13.375%	130.93	10.205	100.34	1,000
Britannia	13.000%	126.76	10.238	100.42	1,000
Coventry	12.125%	118.43	10.220	100.75	1,000
First National	11.750%	108.78	10.793	100.25	10,000
Halifax	8.750%	88.93	9.838	100.62	50,000
Halifax	12.000%	120.19	9.838	100.28	50,000
Halifax	13.625%	136.69	9.950	100.00	50,000
Leeds & Holbeck	13.375%	130.52	10.229	100.23	1,000
Newcastle	10.750%	107.22	10.019	100.32	1,000
Newcastle	12.625%	125.84	10.021	100.45	1,000
Northern Rock	12.625%	127.72	9.867	100.14	1,000
Skipton	12.875%	126.51	10.159	100.48	1,000

FLOATING RATE	Gross coupon	Buying price	Issue price	Minimum purchase
First National	9.30000%	100.75	100.00	1,000
Cheshire (28/03-28/09)	9.24766%	102.63	100.00	1,000

PIBS = Permanent interest-bearing shares
Source: ABN AMRO Hoare Govett — 0171 601 0101



Lender	Interest rate %	Loan size	Max %	Notes
Building Societies				
Yorkshire 0800 378836	1.99	neg	95	6% disc- 1yr 2% disc- 18 mth
Bristol & West 0800 100117	0.95	£15k+	90	Fxd to 30.11.96
Northern Rock 0800 591 500	1.94	to £150k	90	6.05% discount to 1.1.97
Banks				
Abbey National Local branch	2.64	to £125k	75	5.35% discount to 30.9.96
Midland 0800 494999	2.79	£100k+	80	4.86% discount for 1 year

Lender	Interest rate %	Loan size	Max %	Notes
Building Societies				
Scarborough 0800 590547	0.75	15,001 to £100k	95	7.24% dsc 6 mth 2% 6mth,0.5% 1y
Hinckley & Rugby 0800 774499	0.75	to £150k	70	Fixed to 1.9.96
Bristol & West 0800 100117	0.95	£15k+	90	Fxd to 30.11.96
Banks				
Bank of Ireland 01734 510100	0.99	£20-145k	95	7.51%dsc-6 mns 3% dsc-6 mns
Bank of Scotland 0131 243 5735	1.50	to £200k	95	6.49% discount for 6 months

Lender	Interest rate %	Loan size	Max %	Notes
Building Societies				
Bristol & West 0800 100117	3.00	£15k+	95	4.74% discount for 1 year
Brad & Bingley 0800 252 993	1.89	any	95	fixed to 1.10.96
Skipton 0800 446776	1.84	£25-150k	95	6% disc 5 mnths 1.75% disc 1 year
Banks				
Midland Bank 0800 494999	3.29	£30k+	95	4.36% discount for 1 year
Abbey National Local branch	3.64	£125k+	95	4.35% to 30.9.96

Larger lenders, larger loans and first-time buyers tables supplied by Blay's Guides Ltd. Further information: Blay's Guides, 01753 880482.

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	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AEGON LIFE ASSURANCE Aegon House, Lanark Square, London E14 9XS 0171 538 8808				
Balanced	499.20	528.30	- 8.60	...
UK Equity	632.70	669.60	-13.50	...
Property	507.40	537.00	+ 2.60	...
Fixed Interest	338.30	358.00	- 1.00	...
Money	259.10	274.20	+ 0.30	...
International	421.70	446.30	-10.70	...
ABBEY LIFE Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 01202 292373				
Property Fd Inc	248.50	261.60	-12.90	...
-do- Acc	489.30	515.10	- 3.00	...
Equity Fd Inc	185.30	195.10	- 2.70	...
-do- Acc	254.30	267.70	- 3.70	...
Selective Fd	511.20	538.20	- 3.20	...
Money Fd	392.10	412.80	+ 0.50	...
Prop Fd Ser 4	374.40	394.20	- 3.90	...
Equity Ser 4	238.80	251.40	- 2.30	...
Man Ser 4	695.40	732.00	- 9.70	...
Conv Ser 4	339.80	357.70	+ 0.40	...
Money Ser 4	339.40	357.30	+ 0.40	...
Fixed Int Ser 4	361.50	380.60	+ 1.50	...
American Ser 4	546.90	575.70	-16.60	...
High Inc Ser 4	741.80	780.90	-11.90	...
Indexed Inv Ser 4	220.60	232.30	+ 0.60	...
Japan Ser 4	329.60	347.00	-13.40	...
ALBANY LIFE 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 01707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	1666.20	1753.90	-45.60	...
European Fd Acc	393.90	414.60	- 4.40	...
Fixed Int Acc	532.40	560.40	+ 1.00	...
Gtd Money Acc	345.10	363.30	+ 0.40	...
Intl Managed Acc	626.50	659.40	-16.70	...
Int Fxd Int Acc	349.70	368.10	+ 1.20	...
Japan Fund	241.80	254.50	-11.30	...
N American Acc	348.00	366.30	-16.60	...
Prop Fd Acc	453.00	476.80	+ 0.50	...
Multiple Inv Acc	1086.20	1143.30	-22.80	...
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL 01793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	386.30	406.70	+ 0.40	...
Equity Acc	1512.30	1591.90	-25.60	...
Property Acc	601.20	632.90	+ 0.50	...
Far East Acc	309.90	326.30	- 6.40	...
Managed Capital	560.60	590.20	- 7.70	...
-do- Acc	1163.30	1224.60	-16.00	...
Overseas Acc	1023.70	1077.60	-14.60	...
Gilt Edged Acc	510.00	536.90	- 0.30	...
Amer Equity Acc	892.30	939.30	-23.10	...
Amer Man Acc	375.60	395.60	- 9.30	...
Amer Prop Acc	119.10	125.40	- 0.80	...
Distribution Bonds	24.30	25.60	- 0.10	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks 01494 463463				
Reserve Ser 6	166.30	175.00	+ 0.10	...
Balced Ser 6	762.00	802.10	-12.10	...
Opportunity Ser 6	174.30	183.40	- 3.80	...
Distribution Ser 6	101.20	106.50	- 0.20	7.01
UK Equities Ser 6	1068.40	1124.60	-21.70	...
Higher Inc Ser 6	1136.80	1196.60	-15.90	...
North Amer Ser 6	515.00	542.10	-22.90	...
Far East Ser 6	556.00	585.20	-16.20	...
Europe Ser 6	408	429.50	- 6.50	...
Intnl Ser 6	597.80	629.20	-15.00	...
Property Ser 6	562.00	591.50	+ 0.10	...
Fixed Int Ser 6	461.70	485.90	+ 1.90	...
Ind-Lnkd Sec 56	189.10	199.00	+ 0.40	...
Gteed Dep Ser 6	308.10	324.30	+ 0.30	...
BARCLAYS LIFE 252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB 0181 534 5544				
Equity Acc	917.70	966.10	-16.90	...
-do- Initial	587.10	618.00	-12.70	...
Gilt Edged Acc	403.60	424.90	+ 2.00	...
-do- Initial	260.40	274.20	+ 0.50	...
International Acc	417.30	439.30	- 8.80	...
-do- Initial	267.60	281.70	- 6.40	...
Managed Acc	558.80	588.30	- 8.70	...
-do- Initial	359.50	378.50	- 6.80	...
Money Acc	301.10	317.00	+ 0.30	...
Property Acc	306.90	323.10	+ 0.30	...
-do- Initial	196.50	206.90	- 0.10	...
America Acc	316.70	333.40	- 7.80	...
Australia Acc	218.20	229.70	- 4.60	...
Financial Acc	392.30	412.90	- 9.10	...
500 Accum	475.20	500.30	- 4.30	...
Japan Genl Acc	296.90	312.60	-14.70	...
Income Acc	558.50	587.90	- 9.20	...
Leisure Acc	268.50	282.70	- 6.50	...
Special Sits Acc	264.10	278.10	- 7.00	...
Univ Tech Acc	174.70	183.90	- 3.50	...
BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 01634 834000				
The Managed Fd	856.81	856.81	- 8.54	...
Income Fund	821.15	864.36	- 7.93	...
Extra Income	749.11	788.54	- 5.33	...
Worldwide Gth	508.45	535.22	- 5.30	...
Balanced Fund	718.32	756.13	- 6.15	...
Smllr Cos Recov	894.88	899.88	+ 3.39	...
N Amer & Genl	394.37	415.13	- 3.98	...
Pacific Basin	419.98	442.09	-10.59	...
German Growth	247.20	260.22	- 1.28	...
Japan Growth	183.23	192.88	- 3.06	...
The UK Gth Fd	230.22	242.34	- 1.54	...
Contl Euro Gth	142.49	149.99	+ 0.33	...
Property Fund	414.62	436.44	+ 0.27	...
Fixed Interest	327.21	344.44	+ 1.35	...
Cash Fund	293.06	308.49	+ 0.25	...
Managed Inv	516.40	543.57	- 5.50	...
Nth Amer Recov	268.87	283.03	- 6.20	...
Abtrust Fund				
Managed Gth	517.84	545.10	- 0.67	...
BRITANNIA LIFE ASSURANCE PO Box 37, Greenock, Renfrewshire 01475 888800				
Measured Perf	168.40	178.20	- 3.90	...
Performance Plus	172.30	182.30	- 6.00	...
With Profit Perf	177.90	188.30	+ 0.20	...
UK Opportunity	197.20	208.60	- 4.10	...
Euro Opportunity	232.90	246.40	- 5.00	...
North Amer Opp	175.10	185.20	-10.50	...
Far East Opp	194.50	198.90	- 9.30	...
Gwth Prop Ser 1	130.00	136.90	...	...
Gth Prop Ser 2	177.40	187.70	+ 0.30	...
Fixed Int	205.30	217.20	+ 0.90	...
Cash	162.50	171.90	+ 0.10	6.74
Overseas	198.60	210.10	- 6.90	...
Formerly LAS				
Managed Fund	358.90	377.80	- 6.40	...
UK Equity	624.30	657.20	-13.40	...
Property	258.10	271.20	- 0.20	...
Money Market	260.40	274.20	+ 0.30	...
Fixed Interest	305.80	321.90	+ 1.70	...
Japan	338.10	355.90	-14.80	...
North America	164.30	173.00	- 6.70	...
International	320.60	337.50	-10.30	...
European	305.60	321.70	-10.30	...
Far East	138.20	145.50	- 2.10	...
CANADA LIFE 2-6 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 01707 51122				
Equity Growth ‡	277.80	...	...	...
Managed	351.60	370.20	- 2.80	...
Property	239.70	252.40	...	...
Gilt & Fxd Int	252.00	265.30	+ 1.20	...
Equity	402.90	424.20	- 2.30	...
Cash	222.80	234.60	+ 0.30	...
CLife Euro Mgd	406.00	427.40	- 2.60	...
CLife Intl Fd	366.60	384.90	- 6.60	...
Managed Fund	758.80	798.70	-11.90	...
Property Fund	550.90	579.90	- 2.20	...
Equity Fund	992.40	1044.60	-17.80	...
Gilt Edged Fd	642.60	676.40	+ 0.90	...
Deposit Fund	341.60	359.60	...	...
Investment Fd	426.50	447.80	- 7.40	...
International	567.60	597.50	-13.70	...
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU. 01908 606101				
Property Fund	162.10	170.70	...	...
Managed Fund	669.40	704.70	- 4.10	...
Equity Fund	392.00	412.70	- 1.80	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. 0117 9290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	303.20	319.20	- 6.30	...
Ruby	181.40	191.00	- 4.60	...
Emerald	151.10	159.10	+ 0.30	...
Equity	349.60	368.00	- 7.00	...
Property	234.00	246.40	...	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	213.20	224.50	+ 0.70	...
Indexed Secs	176.00	185.30	+ 0.30	...
Cash	194.20	204.50	+ 0.10	...
Nth American	249.10	262.30	-10.00	...
Far East	320.20	337.10	-12.30	...
International	244.70	257.60	- 7.70	...
Special Sits	370.50	390.10	- 9.50	...
Intl Income	311.00	327.40	- 4.60	...
American Inc	211.30	222.50	- 5.50	...
European	343.50	361.60	- 8.00	...
Japanese	127.30	134.00	- 5.50	...
SE Asia	366.70	386.10	-11.20	...
With Profits Reg	174.20	183.40	+ 0.20	...
-do- Spec	174.20	183.40	+ 0.20	...
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	347.80	366.20	- 6.70	...
Equity	421.70	443.90	- 7.80	...
Property	211.90	223.10	- 0.20	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	270.00	284.30	+ 1.20	...
Index Linked	186.10	195.90	+ 0.40	...
Cash	262.70	276.60	+ 0.40	...
Nth American	309.40	325.70	-14.50	...
Far East Acc	302.10	318.10	-10.80	...
International Acc	312.30	328.80	-10.40	...
Special Sits	551.00	580.00	-14.50	...
European Flex	490.00	515.80	- 9.90	...
COLONIAL MUTUAL GROUP Colonial Mutual House, Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY. 01634 890 000				
(Units): Key 1	225.69	...	...	...
-do- Pacemaker ‡	329.13	...	...	...
-do- Cash	209.84	220.88	+ 0.15	...
-do- Equity	573.93	604.14	-11.61	...
-do- Fxd Int	373.00	392.63	+ 1.18	...
-do- Managed	411.20	432.84	- 6.69	...
-do- Property	282.62	297.49	- 5.94	...
(Pens): Cash Cap	211.15	222.28	+ 0.09	...
-do- Cash Inv	318.95	335.75	+ 0.36	...
-do- Equity Cap	£14.94	£15.73	-37.39	...
-do- Equity Inv	£22.57	£23.76	-54.83	...
-do- Fixed Cap	404.95	426.28	+ 1.20	...
-do- Fixed Inv	611.68	643.88	+ 2.24	...
-do- Index Cap	205.06	216.50	+ 0.34	...
-do- Index Inv	310.65	327.01	+ 0.73	...
-do- Mngd Cap	597.24	628.69	-11.84	...
-do- Mngd Inv	902.13	949.62	-19.36	...
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3 0171 283 7500				
Var Ann Acc (5)	778.70	...	-11.08	...
Var Ann (5) ‡	98.09	...	- 0.91	...
Prime: Managed	427.80	450.40	- 7.90	...
Prime: UK Equity	531.50	559.50	-10.30	...
Prime: Int Equity	307.10	323.30	- 8.30	...
Prime: Property	252.30	265.60	+ 0.90	...
Prime: Fxd Int	242.60	255.40	+ 0.10	...
Prime: Index-Lnk	177.00	186.40	+ 0.10	...
Prime: Cash	213.80	225.10	+ 0.10	...
CONFEDERATION LIFE Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 01438 744840				
Managed Fund	1192.70	1255.40	- 0.60	...
Equity Fund	1747.80	1839.70	+ 0.90	...
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 01483 715033				
Life Mangd Acc	635.70	668.90	+ 7.40	...
Life Fxd Int Acc	389.80	410.30	+ 2.10	...
Life Equity Acc	907.60	954.90	-10.90	...
Life Money Acc	310.40	326.70	+ 0.30	...
Life Inv Tst Acc	822.20	865.40	-24.80	...
Life Intl Acc	514.30	541.10	- 9.80	...
Life High Inc Acc	852.30	895.70	-23.50	...
Life Property Acc	249.00	262.10	+ 0.40	...
Crown Brit Inv A	1416.60	...	...	...
Brewin Equity	778.80	819.70	-15.00	...
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ. 01242 221311				
Secure Fund	181.80	191.40	+ 0.20	...
Managed Fund	253.70	267.10	- 3.20	...
-do- Series 2	167.90	176.80	- 2.00	...
Adventurous Fd	208.50	219.50	- 7.10	...
-do- Series 2	161.20	169.70	- 5.40	...
Equity Mngd Fd	250.50	263.70	- 5.70	...
-do- Series 2	167.70	176.60	- 3.70	...
UK Pref Fxd Int	149.60	157.50	+ 0.60	...
UK Equity Fund	178.60	188.00	- 2.30	...
Property Fund	121.40	127.80	+ 0.80	...
Envmntl Opps	177.40	186.80	- 1.70	...
Euro Fund	197.20	207.60	- 4.90	...
North Amer Fd	212.80	224.00	- 6.40	...
Oriental Opt	231.30	243.50	- 2.90	...
Japanese Fund	112.10	118.10	- 5.90	...
Bd & West Life	129.30	136.20	+ 0.20	...
Bd & West Pen	148.50	156.40	+ 0.20	...
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 0171 929 1111				
Eagle/Mid Uts	290.70	301.20	- 5.10	3.04
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 01722 413366				
Managed	323.50	340.60	- 5.80	...
UK Equity	434.50	457.40	- 9.10	...
Stewardship	379.50	399.50	- 4.20	...
Overseas Equity	296.90	312.60	- 6.80	...
North American	161.90	170.50	- 3.60	...
Pacific Basin	165.90	174.70	- 4.10	...
European	243.50	256.40	- 2.50	...
Property	192.60	202.80	+ 0.20	...
Fixed Interest	267.70	280.80	+ 1.40	...
Index Linked	175.60	184.90	+ 0.60	...
Cash	207.60	218.60	+ 0.20	...
FP Life Assurance ex NM				
Fixed Interest	565.10	594.80	+ 3.70	...
Managed	727.40	765.60	-11.70	...
Deposit	352.90	371.40	+ 0.50	...
Property	487.80	513.40	+ 0.60	...
American	455.70	479.60	-10.60	...
Australian	530.80	558.70	- 8.60	...
European	599.00	630.00	- 5.30	...
Income Acc	797.60	839.50	-13.70	...
-do- Dist	464.40	488.90	-10.40	4.58
International	321.70	338.60	- 6.80	...
Japan Smaller	444.30	467.60	-11.30	...
Singapore & Mal	385.90	406.20	- 5.80	...
Smaller Cos	417.30	439.10	-12.70	...
Tokyo Fund	628.00	661.00	-26.20	...
UK Equity	616.60	649.00	-11.10	...
CCM Vangd Mg	803.90	846.20	- 9.20	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 0171 710 4567				
GT Plan Far East	313.90	330.50	- 7.20	...
GT Plan Wwide	499.50	525.80	- 6.20	...
GAN LIFE & PENSIONS Gan House, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EW. 01279 626262				
Portfolio Acc	721.40	721.40	-10.70	...
-do- Inv A	721.30	759.30	-11.30	...
UK Equity	438.60	461.80	- 6.80	...
Gilt Plus	210.40	221.60	+ 0.90	...
Managed	322.50	339.50	- 5.00	...
GENERAL ACCIDENT 2 Rougier St, York YO1 1HR. 01904 628982				
Managed	222.40	234.00	- 3.60	...
Unitised Profit	145.40	153.10	+ 0.20	...
UK Equity	310.60	326.80	- 5.00	...
Fixed Int	201.70	212.30	+ 0.60	...
Index-Linked	172.00	181.00	+ 0.40	...
Cash Deposit	179.80	189.20	+ 0.10	...
Property	182.80	192.30	- 3.10	...
International	177.60	186.80	- 4.20	...
American	178.10	187.30	- 4.60	...
Japan	230.60	242.60	- 8.70	...
Japan Smllr Cos	236.10	248.50	- 8.80	...
European	191.40	201.40	- 3.00	...
Pacific Fund	287.10	302.10	- 2.60	...
Conv Life	136.00	143.10	- 1.00	...
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange London EC3. 0171 283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	829.00	872.90	...	...
Managed Initial	488.20	513.90	- 8.20	...
-do- Acc	710.30	747.70	-11.60	...
Equity Initial	748.80	788.10	-11.40	...
-do- Acc	1089.40	1146.70	-16.00	...
Fixed Int Initial	450.40	474.10	+ 1.40	...
-do- Acc	655.30	689.80	+ 2.30	...
Intl Initial	470.70	495.50	- 9.60	...
-do- Acc	684.80	720.90	-13.70	...
Nth Amer Initial	204.40	215.10	- 8.60	...
-do- Acc	270.60	284.80	-11.30	...
Pacific Initial	230.40	242.50	- 6.40	...
-do- Acc	302.20	318.10	- 8.30	...
Property Initial	181.50	191.10	...	...
-do- Acc	263.60	277.50	...	...
Index-Lnkd Initl	163.80	172.40	+ 0.10	...
-do- Acc	216.90	228.30	+ 0.70	...
Deposit Initial	200.70	211.20	...	...
-do- Acc	292.00	307.30	+ 0.20	...
Euro Initial	110.60	116.40	- 1.60	...
-do- Acc	135.40	142.50	- 1.90	...
HALIFAX LIFE LTD PO Box 285, York YO1 1YB 01904 611110				
Life Funds				
Foundation	26.81	28.22	- 0.24	...
Balanced	27.01	28.43	- 0.41	...
Opportunity	27.44	28.89	- 0.31	...
Deposit	24.41	25.70	+ 0.02	...
Pension Funds				
Foundation	27.23	28.66	- 0.34	...
Balanced	27.22	28.65	- 0.49	...
Opportunity	27.82	29.28	- 0.44	...
Deposit	24.67	25.97	+ 0.02	...
HAMBRO ASSURED Harbour House, Portway, Preston, Lancs PR2 2PR. 01772 848888				
Managed	178.60	187.90	- 1.90	...
-do- Pens	221.70	233.30	- 2.90	...
UK Equity	186.50	196.30	- 2.60	...
-do- Pens	216.60	228.00	- 4.00	...
International	154.60	162.70	- 2.40	...
-do- Pens	168.90	177.70	- 2.70	...
Deposit	143.80	151.30	+ 0.10	...
-do- Pens	172.10	181.10	+ 0.20	...
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA 0171 638 5757				
UK Equity Fd	381.20	405.60	- 4.50	...
North America	392.50	417.60	- 8.60	...
Far East Fund	581.00	618.10	-10.00	...
Global Managed	488.80	520.10	- 8.40	...
Deposit Fund	236.70	249.20	+ 0.30	...
Prime Residential	140.00	147.40	...	...
European Fund	280.10	298.00	- 5.20	...
Fixed Interest	63.80	68.00	- 0.70	...
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 0181 686 4355				
Security Fund	568.70	601.80	- 9.90	...
British Fund	578.70	612.40	- 9.70	...
International	576.20	609.80	-16.00	...
Dollar Fund	448.20	474.30	-16.40	...
Capital Fund	518.60	548.80	-10.70	...
Income Fund	745.80	789.30	-13.90	...
Property Series A	461.40	488.30	...	4.50
Property Units	762.80	801.00	...	...
Financial Fund	648.90	686.70	-18.90	...
Managed Ser A	577.40	611.10	-10.20	...
Managed Units	1037.00	1091.60	-18.10	...
High Yield Fund	681.30	721.00	-10.40	...
Money Series A	298.90	316.30	+ 0.20	...
Money Units	397.40	418.40	+ 0.40	...
Equity Fund	660.50	699.00	-14.20	...
Fixed Interest	381.10	403.30	+ 1.50	...
Indexed Secs	194.30	205.70	+ 0.80	...
European Fund	776.60	821.80	-17.40	...
Natural Res	298.50	315.90	- 5.90	...
Far East Fund	646.60	684.30	-16.20	...
Smaller Cos	540.30	571.80	- 3.30	...
Special Sits	513.90	543.90	- 4.90	...
Man Currency	223.60	289.80	- 1.00	...
Japanese Tech	304.20	322.00	-11.10	...
US Smaller Cos	315.50	333.90	-13.20	...
Formerly Target Life Assurance Co Ltd				
Deposit	257.30	270.90	+ 0.20	...
Financial Ser 1	53.20	57.00	- 1.80	...
Fixed Interest	342.20	360.20	+ 1.10	...
Gold	80.30	84.60	- 1.10	...
Managed	649.20	683.50	- 3.40	...
Mngd Growth	209.90	221.10	+ 1.30	...
Mngd Opp	223.90	235.70	+ 1.60	...
Property	329.50	346.90	...	...
Residential Prop	102.20	106.60	...	...
TSB American	229.50	241.70	- 9.60	...
TSB Brit Gwth	940.40	990.00	-19.70	...
TSB European	278.50	293.30	- 7.10	...
TSB Income	408.10	429.70	- 9.70	...
TSB Intl	440.40	463.70	-13.50	...
TSB Intl Inc	307.00	323.30	- 6.50	...
TSB Pacific	401.40	422.70	-10.00	...
TSB Prem Inc	266.20	278.20	+ 1.60	...
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 5TF. 01727 48181				
Global Managed	611.40	643.60	- 7.00	...
Global Property	308.30	324.50	...	...
Global Fixed Int	533.80	561.90	+ 3.20	...
Global Equity	661.80	696.60	- 9.70	...
Global Cash	221.40	233.00	+ 0.20	...
LAURENTIAN LIFE Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ 01452 371371				
Property	500.30	526.60	- 0.80	...
UK Equity	439.50	462.60	- 6.00	...
American	458.60	482.70	-16.70	...
UK Equity Fd	484.50	509.90	- 6.80	...
Japan	198.40	208.80	- 9.30	...
Index-Lkd	192.50	202.60	+ 0.40	...
High Yield	912.20	960.20	-15.30	...
Money	417.40	439.30	+ 0.40	...
International	406.20	427.50	-12.70	...
Henderson Active	217.90	228.90	- 3.00	...
Perpetual Active	346.30	364.50	- 4.90	...
Growth Acc	687.80	723.90	-12.60	...
Gilt Edged	450.50	474.20	+ 2.80	...
European	162.90	171.40	- 2.90	...
Far East	208.80	219.80	- 4.90	...
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 01273 824000				
B Soc Lnkd Init	134.80	141.90	...	...
-do- Acc	191.70	201.80	+ 0.10	...
Brit Opps Init	154.70	162.90	- 2.90	...
-do- Acc	196.90	207.30	- 2.90	...
Cash Initial	169.10	178.00	+ 0.20	...
-do- Acc	298.40	314.20	+ 0.40	...
Equity Initial	699.30	736.20	-13.70	...
-do- Acc	1234.30	1299.30	-24.30	...
Fixed Initial	352.80	371.40	+ 1.20	...
-do- Acc	622.80	655.60	+ 2.40	...
Index-Lnkd Gilt	136.20	143.40	+ 0.30	...
-do- Acc	205.10	215.90	+ 0.40	...
Intl Initial	323.90	341.00	- 7.90	...
-do- Acc	562.90	592.50	-13.70	...
Managed Initial	492.90	518.80	- 8.30	...
-do- Acc	869.90	915.70	-14.80	...
Property Initial	219.20	230.80	+ 0.30	...
-do- Acc	386.90	407.30	+ 0.50	...
LINCOLN NATIONAL 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 0181 902 8876				
Equity Units ‡	£137.01	...	- 1.59	...
Property Units ‡	£26.99	...	- 0.20	...
Bal Bd Exec Unit	69.61	73.28	- 0.84	...
2nd Equity Acc	670.80	706.10	-10.70	...
2nd High Inc Acc	640.10	673.80	- 5.90	...
2nd Property Acc	247.00	260.00	- 1.80	...
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	187.50	197.30	...	...
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	487.00	512.60	- 6.00	...
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	240.80	253.50	- 3.60	...
2nd Deposit Acc	293.90	309.40	+ 0.20	...
2nd Gilt Acc	320.30	337.10	+ 5.70	...
2nd Amer Acc	810.40	853.10	-27.30	...
2nd Intl Mny Acc	273.90	288.30	- 0.90	...
2nd Index Acc	215.40	226.70	+ 0.50	...
2nd Far East Acc	434.80	457.70	-11.50	...
2nd Global Acc	182.90	192.50	- 4.80	...
2nd Euro Acc	169.80	178.80	- 2.40	...
2nd Japan Acc	181.70	191.30	- 6.40	...
2nd Int Cr Bd Acc	172.10	181.10	+ 0.20	...
2nd Cap Gth Acc	134.30	141.30	- 1.80	...
LONDON LIFE 100 Temple Street, Bristol BS1 6EA 0117 9279179				
Equity ‡	946.00	...	-11.80	...
Fixed Interest ‡	442.90	...	+ 0.80	...
Property ‡	427.40	...	+ 0.30	...
Deposit ‡	303.60	...	+ 0.30	...
Mixed ‡	624.40	...	- 7.80	...
Indexed Stock ‡	222.60	...	+ 1.10	...
International ‡	300.80	...	- 7.00	...
Equity A ‡	219.20	...	- 2.80	...
Fixed Int A ‡	196.30	...	+ 0.40	...
Property A ‡	187.70	...	+ 0.20	...
Deposit A ‡	178.30	...	+ 0.20	...
Mixed A ‡	205.00	...	- 2.50	...
Index Stock A ‡	174.10	...	+ 0.80	...
International A ‡	187.70	...	- 4.40	...
Equity P ‡	781.80	...	-12.70	...
Fixed Int P ‡	590.00	...	+ 3.40	...
Property P ‡	332.30	...	+ 0.40	...
Deposit P ‡	360.50	...	+ 0.30	...
Mixed P ‡	573.00	...	- 8.80	...
Index Stock P ‡	255.80	...	+ 1.20	...
International P ‡	350.10	...	-10.60	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 01392 282456				
Inv Trust Cap ‡	589.30	...	- 7.20	...
-do- Acc ‡	1026.60	...	-11.70	...
Property Cap ‡	145.40	...	- 0.20	...
-do- Acc ‡	243.00	...	- 0.20	...
Fxd Interest Cap ‡	195.80	...	+ 1.00	...
-do- Acc ‡	329.40	...	+ 2.00	...
Equity Cap ‡	335.40	...	- 4.10	...
-do- Acc ‡	572.40	...	- 6.60	...
Internad Cap ‡	232.70	...	- 3.70	...
-do- Acc ‡	393.10	...	- 5.90	...
Gtd Deposit Cap ‡	163.50	...	...	...
-do- Acc ‡	272.10	...	+ 0.20	7.20
Flexible Cap ‡	353.70	...	- 3.70	...
-do- Acc ‡	601.10	...	- 5.80	...
Moneymaker Fd ‡	464.80	...	- 4.40	...
Capital Growth ‡	1860.30	...	-21.50	...
M & G Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB 01245 266266				
Amer Bond Acc	455.30	479.20	-19.10	...
Amer Rec Bond	514.30	540.10	-19.20	...
Am Smlr Cos Bd	248.20	260.70	- 8.60	...
Australasia Bd	227.60	239.10	- 3.80	...
Commodity Bond	318.80	334.80	- 8.80	...
Deposit Bond Acc	373.70	392.40	+ 0.30	...
Equity Bond Acc	1622.20	1703.40	-29.20	...
European Bd Acc	407.70	428.20	- 6.30	...
Extra Yld Bd Acc	798.10	838.10	-17.40	...
Far East Bd Acc	303.90	319.20	- 5.50	...
Gilt Bond Acc	457.50	480.50	+ 3.60	...
Gold Bond Acc	151.20	158.90	- 8.40	...
High Yield Bond	350.40	368.00	- 8.40	...
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	217.70	228.70	+ 0.70	...
International Bd	779.70	818.80	-20.40	...
Japan Bond Acc	231.00	242.70	-10.70	...
Japan Sm Cos Ac	228.90	240.40	- 8.20	...
Managed Bonds	934.50	981.30	-16.80	...
Prop Bond Acc	347.30	364.80	+ 0.40	...
Rec Bond Acc	825.60	867.00	-24.10	...
MGM ASSURANCE MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY. 01903 204631				
UK Equity	239.20	251.80	- 5.40	...
UK Equity Acc	348.10	366.50	- 7.50	...
Special Sits	97.60	102.80	- 1.20	...
Special Sits Acc	142.20	149.70	- 2.30	...
North American	195.60	205.90	- 5.40	...
N American Acc	284.80	299.80	- 7.60	...
Pacific Basin	353.20	371.90	- 8.70	...
Pacific Basin Acc	514.40	541.50	-12.20	...
Fixed Interest	286.80	301.90	+ 0.80	...
Fixed Interest Acc	418.00	440.00	+ 1.50	...
Property	178.50	187.90	...	...
Property Acc	260.20	273.90	+ 0.20	...
Deposit	153.20	161.30	...	...
Deposit Acc	223.40	235.20	+ 0.20	...
Managed	270.20	284.50	- 5.10	...
Managed Acc	362.50	381.60	- 6.70	...
MERCHANT INVESTORS St Bartholomew House, Lewins Mead Bristol BS1 2NH 0117 9266 366				
Property	430.80	453.40	+ 0.30	...
UK Equity	389.00	409.60	- 4.80	...
Gilt Edged	599.70	631.20	+ 4.20	...
Interest Fund	402.60	423.70	+ 0.40	...
Managed Fd	517.40	544.60	- 5.10	...
Intl Equity	616.20	648.60	-10.00	...
North American	229.30	241.30	- 6.50	...
Far East	451.80	475.50	- 8.80	...
Intl Currency	264.30	278.20	- 0.30	...
NPI 48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH 0171 623 4200				
Managed	518.40	545.60	- 7.80	...
UK Equity	667.60	702.70	-12.00	...
Overseas Equity	500.80	527.10	-12.10	...
American	450.30	474.00	-15.30	...
Far East	555.60	584.80	-15.70	...
Property	220.90	232.50	+ 0.50	...
Fixed Interest	407.20	428.60	+ 2.30	...
Indexed Gilt	242.30	255.00	+ 0.40	...
Deposit	224.40	236.20	+ 0.30	...
NORWICH UNION LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY - Ex NUAM Funds PO Box 140, Norwich NR1 3PP 01603 622200				
Managed Fund	1520.00	1600.50	-23.40	...
Equity Fund	3390.30	3568.70	-50.40	...
Property Fd	588.50	619.50	- 0.50	...
Fixed Int Fd	618.40	650.90	+ 1.20	...
Deposit Fund	362.80	381.90	+ 0.30	...
Intl Fund	256.00	269.50	- 6.20	...
OLD MUTUAL 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 01256 768888				
Equity Fund Acc	316.40	333.00	- 7.00	...
Fxd Interest Acc	251.00	264.20	+ 1.30	...
International Acc	254.80	268.20	- 9.00	...
Managed Acc	228.10	240.70	- 4.20	...
Property Acc	219.30	231.40	+ 1.20	...
Money Acc	160.40	169.20	+ 0.20	...
Spec Mkt Acc	217.60	229.60	- 5.60	...
Japan Equity Acc	108.50	114.50	- 4.50	...
N Amer Acc	161.20	170.10	- 7.70	...
Pacific Acc	149.70	158.00	- 4.70	...
European Acc	185.80	196.00	- 3.80	...
PEARL ASSURANCE The Pearl Centre, Lynch Wood, Peterborough PE2 6FY. 01733 470 470				
Inv Prop Dist	148.80	156.70	- 9.50	...
Prop Acc (Gross)	333.20	351.30	+ 0.40	...
Inv Equity	1286.90	1354.70	-30.80	...
Inv Managed	898.70	946.10	-16.40	...
Ret Managed	1018.30	1071.90	-19.20	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL Six Hills Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2ST 01438 732000				
Managed Ord	506.80	533.50	- 7.40	...
Managed Initial	332.00	349.50	- 5.00	...
Equity Ord	785.70	827.10	-12.40	...
Equity Init	514.60	541.70	- 8.50	...
I-Linked Gilt Ord	209.20	220.20	+ 0.30	...
I-Linked Gilt Init	143.10	150.60	+ 0.10	...
Oseas Equity Ord	391.80	412.40	- 9.80	...
Oseas Equity Init	256.60	270.10	- 6.60	...
Property Ord	279.50	294.60	+ 0.30	...
Property Init	183.30	192.90	...	...
Fixed Int Ord	294.60	310.10	+ 0.70	...
Fixed Int Init	193.00	203.20	+ 0.50	...
Deposit Ord	213.80	225.10	+ 0.30	...
Deposit Initial	140.00	147.40	...	...
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH 0171 405 9222				
Managed	372.80	388.40	- 3.80	...
PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FDS 1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP 0171 548 3276				
Managed Fund	862.60	908.10	-13.60	...
Equity Fund	1666.60	1754.40	-28.20	...
Intl Fund	664.40	699.40	-16.40	...
Fixed Interest	592.80	624.10	+ 1.00	...
Property Fund	492.40	518.40	...	...
Cash Fund	377.10	397.00	+ 0.50	...
Pacific Basin	366.10	385.40	-12.40	...
N American Fd	298.10	313.80	- 7.70	...
Euro Fund	291.30	306.70	- 5.90	...
Balanced Fund	168.70	177.60	- 2.70	...
Strategic Fund	179.00	188.50	- 3.60	...
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 01733 390000				
Mult Grow (45) ‡	814.80	...	...	...
-do- Acc	475.80	500.80	...	...
Op Prop	482.90	508.30	-23.10	...
Op Equity	1072.00	1128.40	-12.00	...
Op High Yield	620.00	652.60	+ 2.10	...
Op Managed	874.00	919.90	- 7.70	...
Op Deposit	406.90	428.30	+ 0.40	...
Inc Gth	327.20	344.40	- 3.00	...
Japan Smlr	240.20	252.80	- 8.70	...
Managed Gth	271.30	285.50	- 3.60	...
Gilt	84.40	88.80	+ 0.10	...
British	416.50	438.40	...	...
Global Bond	123.70	130.20	- 0.20	...
Global Inc & Gth	179.20	188.60	+ 7.20	...
Gold Share	80.50	85.10	+ 0.60	...
High Income	315.40	331.90	- 1.00	...
Income	470.30	495.00	- 3.50	...
Japan	405.90	427.20	-13.30	...
UK Smlr Cos	389.60	410.00	+ 8.10	...
Mngd Growth	493.40	519.30	- 3.50	...
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 0151 239 3000				
Royal Shield Fd	1040.60	1101.10	-30.20	...
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	411.40	433.00	-11.90	...
Equity Fund	594.80	626.20	- 9.60	...
Property Fund	333.30	350.80	- 0.80	...
International	502.10	528.50	-10.80	...
Pacific Basin	258.30	271.80	- 8.30	...
United States	293.50	308.90	- 7.90	...
Gilt Fund	385.80	406.00	+ 2.10	...
SAVE & PROSPER 16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB. 01708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	810.00	857.20	- 6.00	2.47
Deposit Fund (2)	388.10	410.70	+ 0.40	7.05
Gilt Fund	540.20	578.00	+ 2.90	8.09
Global Equity Fd	244.60	258.80	- 5.50	...
Property Fund (46)	116.30	123.10	...	7.10
AG Bond Fund	153.40	162.40	- 2.60	...
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow 0141 248 2323				
Equity	645.70	679.70	- 6.70	...
Fixed Interest	389.40	409.90	+ 0.20	...
Index-Linked	204.60	215.40	+ 0.60	...
International	479.80	505.20	- 7.10	...
Property	304.80	320.90	+ 0.40	...
Cash	238.30	250.90	+ 0.20	...
Managed	501.80	528.30	- 5.00	...
Cap Gteed Bd	124.40	131.30	- 1.70	...
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 0131 556 9101				
Cash	187.892	197.781	+ 0.19	...
Index-Linked	169.90	178.80	+ 0.60	...
Fixed Interest	182.10	191.60	+ 0.90	...
Mixed	273.90	288.40	- 3.70	...
UK Equity	260.40	274.40	- 2.50	...
International	308.00	382.30	- 5.20	...
American	288.90	304.30	- 7.40	...
Japan	220.50	232.20	- 8.30	...
European	277.80	292.50	- 4.60	...
Pacific	354.30	372.60	- 5.80	...
Technology	445.00	468.50	-10.90	...
Frgn Bd/Crcy	265.80	279.80	- 0.70	...
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 0131 225 2211				
Property	224.80	236.50	+ 0.20	...
UK Equity	386.90	407.30	- 4.30	...
American	277.20	291.80	- 6.70	...
Pacific	340.70	358.70	-14.20	...
European	505.50	532.30	- 7.80	...
International	323.80	340.80	- 8.90	...
Fixed Interest	245.70	258.70	+ 1.60	...
Index Linked	203.60	214.60	+ 1.00	...
Deposit	201.90	212.60	+ 0.20	...
Managed	305.30	321.40	- 4.10	...
Worldwide	125.00	131.70	- 2.70	...
Pen Worldwide	133.70	140.40	- 3.80	...
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HN 0141 248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	1817.70	1873.90	...	...
Safety Fund	248.50	261.60	- 1.00	...
Growth Fund	283.90	298.90	- 4.60	...
Opportunity Fd	248.00	261.10	- 4.20	...
Cash Fund	180.30	189.80	+ 0.20	...
European Fund	361.90	381.00	- 6.60	...
Gilts & Fxd Int	209.00	220.00	+ 0.70	...
Index-Linked Fd	188.50	198.50	+ 0.30	...
International Fd	294.90	310.50	- 7.80	...
North American	258.40	272.10	- 8.30	...
Property Fund	129.10	135.90	- 0.10	...
UK Equity	266.90	281.00	- 5.20	...
UK Smaller	261.80	275.60	- 2.20	...
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 0131 556 9181				
Mixed	286.90	302.10	- 4.60	...
Equity	307.30	323.60	- 4.60	...
International	273.90	288.40	- 9.70	...
Property	234.00	246.40	+ 0.30	...
Fixed Interest	229.10	241.30	+ 1.50	...
Index Linked	188.50	198.60	+ 0.50	...
Cash	192.70	203.00	+ 0.20	...
Formerly Prolific				
Bal Gwth Mngd	855.20	909.80	-16.10	...
Cash Fund	350.50	369.40	+ 0.40	...
Property Fund	299.90	316.10	+ 0.20	...
Equity Fund	949.40	1010.10	-26.30	...
Fxd Interest Fund	482.50	508.50	+ 0.30	...
International	393.20	418.40	-13.70	...
High Income	778.50	826.10	-14.30	...
Far East	569.60	606.20	-16.70	...
North American	607.80	646.60	-22.70	...
Special Sits	708.20	754.50	- 7.50	...
Technology	880.90	936.80	-35.20	...
Extra Income Fd	422.80	449.60	- 6.00	...
Gilt Fund	505.70	538.00	+ 1.90	...
European	156.70	166.80	- 2.20	...
Adventurous Mg	238.80	251.40	- 6.20	...
Secure Mngd	155.90	164.30	- 1.30	...
Equity Inc Dist	124.20	130.90	- 1.40	4.45
Managed Dist	113.50	119.70	- 0.80	5.04
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 0131 655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	1043.60	1040.60	-18.40	...
Inv Pol 2	943.60	993.40	-17.30	...
Inv Pol 3	898.00	945.30	-16.50	...
Inv Cash	326.70	344.00	+ 0.30	...
Mixed Fund	487.00	512.60	- 7.30	...
Equity Fund	586.60	617.60	- 8.90	...
Property Fund	246.70	259.80	+ 0.90	...
International Fd	524.20	551.80	-15.40	...
Fixed Interest Fd	394.90	415.60	+ 2.70	...
Indexed Stock Fd	206.70	217.60	+ 0.20	...
Cash Fund	236.30	248.80	+ 0.20	...
SKANDIA LIFE Skandia House, Portland Terrace, Southampton SO9 7BX 01703 334411				
Managed Acc	409.10	430.60	- 3.40	...
Equity Acc	498.40	524.60	- 5.10	...
International Acc	351.20	369.60	- 7.60	...
Property	231.40	243.50	- 1.40	...
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0131 225 2552				
Cash	277.70	292.40	+ 0.20	...
Equity	1105.50	1163.70	-16.30	...
European	182.00	191.60	- 2.60	...
Far East	172.10	181.20	- 4.30	...
Fixed Interest	419.80	441.90	+ 2.80	...
Index Linked	219.20	230.80	+ 0.10	...
International	647.10	681.20	-13.60	...
Managed	760.00	800.00	-12.00	...
Nth American	164.00	172.70	- 4.90	...
Property	369.70	389.20	+ 0.20	...
Pensions				
Cash	437.30	460.40	+ 0.50	...
Equity	1640.40	1726.80	-30.50	...
European	219.70	231.30	- 4.00	...
Far East	137.00	144.30	- 4.80	...
Fixed Interest	589.10	620.20	+ 1.20	...
Index Linked	306.40	322.60	+ 0.20	...
International	976.20	1027.60	-24.20	...
Managed	1096.00	1152.80	-20.30	...
Nth American	207.30	218.30	- 8.90	...
Property	513.30	540.30	+ 1.20	...
Stock Exchange	246.80	259.80	- 5.30	...
SUN ALLIANCE St Mark's Court, Horsham, Sussex 01403 232323				
Managed Fund	718.20	756.00	-14.00	...
Equity Fund	958.40	1009.00	-17.50	...
Fixed Interest Fd	430.20	452.90	+ 0.70	...
Index-Linked Fd	333.50	351.10	+ 0.50	...
Property Fund	530.50	558.50	+ 0.60	...
International Fd	686.50	722.70	-25.20	...
N American Fd	282.60	297.50	-10.20	...
Far East Fund	329.90	342.00	- 6.60	...
Deposit Fund	309.50	325.80	+ 0.20	...
International Fd ‡	219.34	...	- 0.86	...
Worldwide Bond	168.60	177.50	+ 0.10	...
European	176.00	185.30	- 3.20	...
Phoenix Assurance				
Wealth Assured	726.50	764.80	- 3.60	...
Ebor Phoenix Eq	512.20	550.50	[illegible]	...
Property Growth				
Property Fund ‡	615.40	...	+ 0.70	...
-do- Acc ‡	572.30	...	+ 0.60	...
Agricultural Fd ‡	852.90	...	+ 0.80	...
-do- Acc ‡	817.80	...	+ 0.70	...
Abbey Nat Fd ‡	458.30	...	+ 0.40	...
Abbey Nat Acc ‡	482.50	...	+ 0.40	...
Investment Fd ‡	383.40	...	- 7.50	...
Investment (A) ‡	367.50	...	- 7.20	...
Equity ‡	1598.00	...	[illegible]	...
Equity Acc ‡	1335.70	...	[illegible]	...
Money Fund ‡	494.50	...	[illegible]	...
-do- Acc ‡	472.80	...	[illegible]	...
Actuarial Fd ‡	532.90	...	[illegible]	...
Gilt-Edged Fd ‡	403.80	...	[illegible]	...
-do- Acc ‡	409.80	...	[illegible]	...
Retire Annuity ‡	1282.20	...	[illegible]	...
Immed Annuity ‡	294.80	...	[illegible]	...
Bldg Soc Life ‡	735.00	...	[illegible]	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants. Dealing: 01256 841414				
Growth Acc ‡	1800.60	...	[illegible]	...
Managed Acc ‡	903.30	...	[illegible]	...
Equity Account ‡	1322.10	...	[illegible]	...
Mngd Fund Acc	413.80	435.60	[illegible]	...
Equity Fund Acc	575.00	605.30	[illegible]	...
Prop Fund Acc	264.30	278.20	[illegible]	...
Fixed Int Fd Acc	320.90	337.80	[illegible]	...
Money Fund Acc	229.00	241.00	[illegible]	...
Index-Lnk Sec Ac	212.60	223.80	[illegible]	...
Pers Pens Acct	2026.70	...	[illegible]	...
Pens Mngd Acc	945.40	995.20	- 8.40	...
Pens Guarantee	270.90	285.20	+ 0.50	...
Pens Equity	369.10	388.50	- 4.20	...
Pens Property	309.60	325.80	+ 0.30	...
Pens Fixed Int	300.40	316.20	- 0.50	...
Pens Intl	257.40	270.90	- 2.90	...
Pens Money	248.10	261.20	+ 0.30	...
Pens Index-Linkd	203.50	214.30	+ 0.50	...
SUN LIFE UNIT St James' Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL 0117 9426911				
Managed Acc	944.80	994.80	-13.00	...
Property Acc	302.90	318.80	- 0.60	...
Equity Acc	1574.10	1657.00	-23.70	...
Fixed Int Acc	420.80	443.00	+ 1.20	...
Cash Acc	321.00	337.80	+ 0.30	...
Amer Equity Acc	426.00	448.50	-12.90	...
Japan Acc	286.10	301.20	- 5.70	...
Pacific Acc	371.50	391.10	- 4.80	...
Far Eastern Acc	535.50	570.50	-10.60	...
International Acc	621.20	653.90	- 7.60	...
Distribution Fund	285.80	300.90	- 3.10	4.98
European	198.90	209.40	- 2.80	...
Deffrd Dist	178.60	188.40	- 1.10	...
TSB LIFE LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE 01264 345678				
Managed Fund	302.60	318.60	- 4.00	...
Property Fund	231.20	243.50	- 0.70	...
Fixed Interest Fd	234.40	246.80	+ 0.70	...
Money Fund	207.60	218.60	+ 0.20	...
Equity Fund	392.30	413.00	- 7.30	...
WINDSOR LIFE Windsor House, Telford, Shropshire 01952 292929				
Managed Bond	734.30	773.30	-16.80	...
Money Fund	328.70	346.00	...	...
Equity Fund	677.40	713.00	+ 7.40	...
Fixed Interest	292.80	307.90	+ 1.70	...
Property Fund	302.10	318.00	...	...
Gresham [illegible]				
American & Genl	632.70	666.70	-21.00	...
Income	791.30	833.00	-11.50	...
International Gth	659.40	694.10	-18.80	...
Capital Fund	671.40	707.50	- 9.40	...
Recovery Fund	642.40	676.20	-18.10	...
Japan & General	261.40	275.10	-10.60	...
Formerly [illegible]				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	18.72	19.70	+ 0.02	...
Bear	20.96	22.06	+ 0.05	...
Owl	22.40	23.57	- 0.21	...
Bull	19.11	20.12	- 0.29	...
Stag	19.01	20.06	- 0.19	...
Gilt Edged	19.57	20.60	+ 0.17	...
Deposit	16.32	17.18	+ 0.02	...
Pensions				
Squirrel	25.75	27.10	+ 0.01	...
Bear	28.43	30.58	+ 0.18	...
Owl	31.04	32.67	- 0.25	...
Bull	24.97	26.71	- 0.29	...
Stag	25.46	26.80	- 0.31	...
Gilt Edged	24.53	26.34	+ 0.31	...
Deposit	21.56	22.67	+ 0.02	...
Pre 1982 Series				
3-Way Fund	692.55	...	- 7.99	...
1982 Series				
UK Equity	330.97	[illegible]	- 6.47	...
N Amer Equity	314.25	330.79	- 5.46	...
Far East Equity	366.60	385.85	- 6.01	...
Fixed	309.48	325.77	+ 2.60	...
Cash Deposit	212.32	223.49	+ 0.27	...
Property	143.92	151.51	- 3.00	...
Special Opp	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 3.46	...
Managed	[illegible]	345.64	- 4.34	...
Index-Linked Fd	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...

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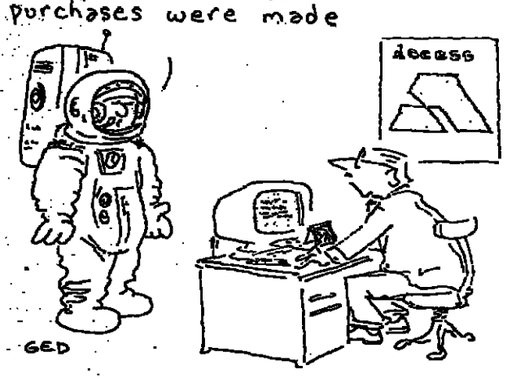
From Mr R. J. Behenna

Sir, I would like to add my contribution to the previous correspondence about credit cards. I received from Access in March 1995 an account for ferry charges to the Isle of Man for £237.00. As I do not possess an Access card, the procedure as notated was followed.

My card had been stolen three years previously and my account was closed — or so I thought. The recipient of my telephone call freely admitted that no card had been issued to me on my new account and that the matter would be referred to their security people. Numerous phone calls and letters were written all at my own expense and time, to stimulate action.

After three months, my account was credited but no apology or recompense received. Security within the credit card industry needs tightening — cards with photographs — which was suggested 20 years ago but rejected, I believe, by banks because of the cost.

Yours sincerely,
R. J. BEHENNA,
52 Paxton Road,
Chiswick, W4.



Unfair tax bill for my children

From Dr D.C.Doughty

Sir, I have read an article in *The Times* by Graham Serjeant (October 9, 1995) about the Tories' need of a new vision to cut dogma and taxes. May I please, again, draw your attention to one piece of legislation which has been in existence for a long time and which, to me at any rate, is the source of much resentment. It is called an Interest in Possession. I had never heard of it until my wife and I came to redraft our wills.

It seems that as I have benefited from a legacy which my late aunt left me in the 1950s, as a life interest, in which I receive the income during my lifetime, but not the capital which then passes elsewhere on my death, my estate has added to it the capital sum from which this income is derived.

This means that if my dear wife dies before me, God forbid, then my three children face a tax bill on my death of nearly £100,000 on my estate of £300,000, since the notional 'interest in possession' adds over £100,000 on top.

I think this whole concept is quite outrageous since I have paid income tax, surtax and investment income surcharge during my working life. My heirs will be taxed on an asset they do not possess.

Yours sincerely,
DOUGLAS C. DOUGHTY,
21 Dundale Road,
Tring,
Herts.

Proposed General Accident transfer leaves questions unanswered

From Mr A. White

Sir, No doubt many policyholders with Provident Mutual have during the last 14 days been reading the 82-page document providing information on the proposed transfer of business to General Accident Linked Life Assurance, a wholly owned subsidiary of General Accident plc (*Weekend Money*, October 21).

Although PM's policyholders have been provided with technical detail and financial information, they are asked to rely upon assertions of their directors supported by some data from the actuaries acting for the separate companies. Kleinwort Benson was retained to advise PM's directors but no details have been released on advice they received. Several matters give rise for concern:

☐ Steps by directors to find other partners or solutions have not been fully presented
☐ The £20 million figure given for the cost of cutting back operations is not substantiated
☐ The actuaries' reports are based on the accuracy of the information supplied by Provident Mutual
☐ Two executive directors receive between them nearly £520,000. Two other directors receive directorships at GA
☐ GA is paying £170 million, a 17 per cent premium to Provident Mutual for its embedded value of £145 million.

GA shareholders acquire:

☐ Long-term admissible assets of £4.7 billion (as at December 31 1994)
☐ An immediate entitlement to 10 per cent of future distributed profits
☐ Enhanced earnings per share over the next three years, says PM's annual return to the DTI, under the *Insurance Companies Act* 1982 for the year to December 31, 1994; there are declared additional reserves for further future bonuses of £56m. Bonuses paid out of this reserve will generate transfers to GA holders on the same basis as other distributed profits.
☐ An important presence in the UK pensions market, with an immediate acquisition of the whole infrastructure, plus intellectual property to transact future business on a profitable basis
☐ From the £170 million being offered for Provident Mutual's business, £25 million is intended to "sweeten" the deal for existing policyholders. The sum represents approximately £100 fixed per policyholder as at September 27 1995 and is payable over a three-year period. However, upon the transfer being approved in the High Court (January 1 1996), the policyholders will have to surrender their voting rights.

The paltry sum offered, the length of time stipulated to receive the fixed benefit and the loss of immediate voting rights, must call into question the directors' judgment in the proposed transaction. If policyholders feel that the terms on offer are inadequate, they should make their views known to the board on the Freephone line (0800 413910), or attend the EGM on November 15 (or appoint a proxy) to vote on the special resolution which must be supported by a majority of 75 per cent before the bid can go ahead.

Yours faithfully,
ARTHUR WHITE,
5 Woodknoll Drive,
Chislehurst, Kent.

Confusion for N&P's qualifying savers

From Mr O. Beuselinck

Sir, The documents issued to "two-year qualifying savers" by National&Provincial seem, wittingly or otherwise, more confusing than helpful in explaining their position.

It seems although they refer to various dates ("balances on April 25 1995" and "vesting date") that:

1. The only safe course to retain one's entitlement is to maintain one's April 25 1995 balance.
2. There is no point in further investing as this will not yield better benefits since only the lower of the two figures seems to be relevant.

If both figures are relevant could we be told? Or have I missed something which these very vague documents may have said, or purported to say, rather more clearly than:

"We may with or without prior announcement include further dates at which your branches will be assessed. If so, this could be any date up until the date the transfer of N&P happens — planned to be in late summer 1996".

Surely if there is to be a further benefit we should be told now.

Yours sincerely,
OSCAR BEUSELINCK,
Davenport Lyons,
1 Old Burlington Street,
W1X.

Special deals to spur investors

BRITAIN'S ten million private shareholders are receiving special offers to spur them to become more active.

NatWest is tempting new customers with a "buy or sell two and get the next two deals free" before October 31. A customer dealing via NatWest's BrokerLine will be charged at the normal tariff: 1.25 per cent for deals up to £4,000 with a minimum of £20, and 0.4 per cent on the balance above £4,000. The two deals must be a minimum of £2,500, and the customer will receive two subsequent deals free (maximum deal size £10,000) provided instructions to trade are received by close of business on December 29 but stamp duty is still payable.

Meanwhile, Sharelink (0121 200 7788), the telephone share-dealing service, has capped its commission charges at a maximum of £50 on all deals up to £75,000 until December 31 for its private investors. Charges will then revert to 0.1 per cent for deals over £5,000. Deals under £5,000 have a minimum £10 commission and the fee for the first £2,500 is 1 per cent. Investment clubs can get their first deal free (up to £75,000) and will not be charged administration fees for the first year.

Barclays Stockbrokers Ltd has a "One for One" offer on its Air Miles incentive. The bank's broker gives one Air Mile for every £1 of dealing commission charged to all Barclay ShareDeal postal and telephone and PEPDeal clients until November 30.

ProShare is offering readers of The Times *a year's membership for £26, a saving of £3.95, which includes 10 issues of* The Investor *magazine, a free portfolio management system to enable private investors keep track of their investments and account to the Inland Revenue; a 24-hour telephone information service, providing share prices and details of new issues; a free copy of* The Private Investor's Guide to the Stockmarket *(worth £8.85) and special offers on investment-related products. Cheques should be payable to "ProShare", and the address is ProShare (Times Special Offer), 13/14 Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5BQ.*

MARIANNE CURPHEY

What would have turned
£6,000
into
£20,000
in just seven years?
The Schroder UK Enterprise PEP(1).

If you've got a nest egg tucked away for your future, it's probably in the building society. At least you know it's safe there and you can get hold of it at short notice if you need to.

But how much have your savings earned in interest over the last seven years? Certainly not enough to triple or even double your money.

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Growfund Equity	258.40	274.90	-6.90	2.17
Growfund Euro	225.70	239.50	-4.70	1.32
Growfund Expt Bd	120.40	124.80	-2.30	1.06
Growfund Gilt	74.01	78.30	+0.27	5.30
Growfund Japan	158.50	168.10	-5.60	..
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	590.20	627.90†	-11.70	2.74
General Inc	506.90	539.30†	-11.90	2.74
UK Growth Acc	400.40	426.00†	-9.10	2.94
UK Growth Inc	266.70	283.80†	-6.10	2.94
Higher Inc Acc	742.60	790.10†	-12.70	4.17
Higher Inc Inc	413.50	439.90†	-7.10	4.17
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	198.70	209.60†	+0.30	5.77
Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	91.33	96.47†	+0.39	5.77
Nth America	311.40	331.30†	-16.00	..
Europe	304.10	323.60†	-4.10	0.54
Brit Excell	80.60	85.75	-1.22	2.95
Brit Fxd Int Acc	108.80	115.80†	-1.40	4.80
Brit Fxd Int Inc	76.22	81.09†	-0.92	4.80
Global Opps	90.84	96.75	-2.86	0.27
Balanced Acc	58.84	61.84†	-0.65	3.05
Balanced Inc	55.35	58.89†	-0.91	3.05
Japan Acc	42.89	45.63†	-1.66	0.47
Pac Basin Acc	366.40	389.80†	-6.90	1.22
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 372				
High Income				
Gilt & Fixed Int	128.60	136.40†	+0.70	7.33
High Inc Equity	172.80	184.80†	-3.60	4.26
Worldwide Bond	286.60	303.90	+0.70	4.51
Capital Growth				
American Growth	318.10	340.20	-12.00	0.37
Asian Pacific	303.10	324.30	-12.90	..
Assets & Earnings	289.50	308.00	-4.70	2.78
Comdty & Energy	100.20	107.20	-3.10	0.12
Euro Capital Inc	143.30	153.30	-2.10	0.63
-do- Accum	153.70	164.30	-2.30	0.53
General	256.10	272.40	-7.00	3.06
Japan	110.90	118.60	-6.00	..
Mgdtrust	146.30	156.50	-3.50	1.51
US Emerging Cos	163.20	173.60	-6.00	..
Income & Growth	423.00	450.00	-9.00	3.03
Ethical	72.52	77.15	-0.19	2.58
International	118.30	125.80	-3.60	0.72
Dividend & Growth	64.89	69.03	-1.28	4.07
Global Gwth & Sec	69.50	74.19	-0.03	2.74
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	1971.00	2047.00	-5.00	
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	50.26	52.19†	-1.38	0.59
Cash	50.35	50.35†	-0.04	5.81
Emerging Mkts	65.41	69.32	-2.72	0.05
European	125.00	130.70	-3.80	..
Exempt	1008.30	1081.50†	-3.70	1.72
Extra Income #	48.32	51.69†	-0.51	6.58
Far East Emg Eco	114.30	121.40	-1.90	0.51
Fixed Interest #	23.22	24.37	-0.08	8.64
Fund Inv Tst	181.40	189.90†	-2.10	9.16
Japan	175.40	183.20	-6.10	..
Latin American	45.55	47.81	-3.92	1.02
Pacific	76.73	81.16	-1.44	0.32
Property Share	80.48	83.48	-0.63	2.76
UK Emerging Cos	69.60	73.06	-0.19	1.83
UK Growth	47.19	50.00†	-0.93	2.35
Abtr World Port #	75.88	79.31	-1.40	2.09
Ethical	70.18	73.66	-0.96	2.39
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.36	50.36†	+0.06	7.46
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 549 3232				
Select Portfolio	92.15	98.03†	-1.59	
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 256 5868				
Rentail Property	97.02	104.00		5.28
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	80.11	85.00†	-0.90	2.41
Income Builder Inc	73.82	78.53	-0.91	2.76
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	249.50	265.60†	-4.10	2.94
Capital	443.10	473.60†	-6.80	1.75
Balanced	738.60	789.50	-9.70	2.52
Accumulator	1384.00	1479.00†	-19.00	2.74
Income Trusts				
American Income	52.55	56.17	-1.05	3.17
High Income	411.90	440.30†	-6.40	3.51
Equity Income	231.70	247.60†	-3.40	3.36
High Yield	249.80	267.00†	-3.90	3.25
Govt Securities	33.15	34.98†	+0.09	6.06
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	171.00	182.70†	-6.00	0.38
European Growth	41.19	43.89	-0.47	0.01
International	167.50	179.00	-5.70	0.18
Japan	184.30	196.10	-8.50	0.81
Pacific	378.50	404.60	-9.10	0.01
Secs of America	485.90	517.70†	-16.50	0.45
Worldwide Asset Val	49.70	53.12	-1.63	0.23
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	559.40	597.90	-2.10	3.13
Conv & Gilt	43.96	46.99	-0.37	4.94
Smaller Cos	188.30	201.20†	-1.00	1.10
2nd Smaller Cos	178.10	190.30†	-0.80	1.28
Recovery	148.90	160.70†	-2.80	1.64
Mid Mkt & Cap	149.30	160.20†	-3.40	0.74
USmlr Earnings	375.70	401.60	-4.90	1.68
Technology	201.70	215.40†	-5.40	0.01
UK Special Sits	505.20	540.00†	-7.20	1.60
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Cntrctd Out Pens	108.00	112.20	.	3.04
Foundtn Pens Pens	65.56	68.08	.	1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0033				
Capital	73.34	78.02	-2.37	1.86
International	64.76	68.89	-1.17	
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
America	280.80	301.00†	-8.00	
Bond	115.00	121.00†	+0.50	6.92
Brit Smlr Cos	111.00	118.10	-1.00	1.68
Conv & Gen #	69.30	73.62	-0.11	5.34
Europe	230.80	245.40	-1.80	0.64
Euro Smlr Cos	105.10	112.20	-1.10	0.62
Income Gwth	369.10	392.70†	.	3.93
Japan	305.40	324.70†	-7.50	
Latin American	65.25	69.41	-3.74	
Pacific	104.30	111.00	-1.50	1.27
UK Smllr Cos	58.97	62.73	-0.59	1.29
Japan Fd	681.20	671.60	-13.50	
Mngd Fd	184.70	196.20	-1.10	3.03
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Bnd & Opps	315.70	332.30	-10.00	0.86
Capital Gwth	117.00	123.20	-2.70	2.66
Wrld Opps	192.60	202.70	-6.00	0.99
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Exmt Inv Fd Inc	367.70	383.00†	-8.70	2.72
European Bd Inc	93.30	96.80	+0.50	6.94
Exempt	74.57	79.71†	-1.52	4.25
Financial	87.33	93.40	-2.55	2.64
500	464.50	502.10	-5.40	2.63
General	284.70	304.40†	-6.30	2.69
Property	242.40	260.10	-1.50	6.61
Trustee	201.30	214.70	-5.10	2.35
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	102.30	102.30†	+0.12	6.01
Extra Income #	124.50	133.10†	-2.60	5.06
Gilt & Fxd Int	57.64	59.57	+0.25	8.38
Income	545.90	583.80	-10.70	3.85
Income Builder #	64.71	69.02	-1.16	5.68
Ind Income	64.66	69.79	-1.29	3.31
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	126.10	134.50	-3.20	2.38
Leisure	141.70	151.00	-3.60	1.07
Recovery	435.10	465.40	-9.40	2.73
Smaller Cos Inc	47.49	50.93	-0.24	2.25
Special Sits	329.90	343.20	-10.30	1.51
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	146.70	156.10	-4.30	0.30
Aust Acc	249.10	267.30	-5.40	2.21
Aust Inc	151.90	163.10	-3.20	2.23
Euro Gwth Inc	160.30	170.30	-2.40	0.78
-do- Accum	173.20	183.90	-2.80	0.78
Japan & Gen Inc	152.50	161.50	-7.50	
-do- Accum	154.30	163.40	-7.50	
Japan Spec Sit	69.73	74.27	-3.40	
Euro Tech Inc	87.32	93.84	-2.16	
Worldwide	172.20	182.80	-4.70	0.61
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 214 1904				
American Growth	105.20	111.40	-3.60	
Amer Smllr Cos	148.00	156.40	-4.90	
Convertibles	52.73	56.56†	-0.91	5.70
Eastern	279.50	302.70	-7.80	0.30
Equity Income	86.91	93.07†	-2.49	4.19
European Growth	311.30	330.40	-3.90	0.80
Europe	259.70	275.10	-2.60	0.20
German Growth	79.16	83.98	-2.22	0.50
Global Bond	65.85	69.30	-0.23	6.50
Global Growth	132.00	140.50†	-4.20	
Japan Growth	190.70	203.10	-6.60	
Japan Smllr Co	147.50	156.80	-2.80	
Korea Trust	80.07	86.09	-0.25	
Portfolio	134.60	143.90	-2.50	2.30
-do- Accum	250.70	268.10	-4.70	2.30
UK Growth	85.57	91.59	-1.77	2.76
UK Smaller Cos	83.15	90.51†	-1.20	1.80
Select Manager	79.21	84.88	-1.58	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	78.29	83.29	-3.09	
Special Opps Inc	54.11	57.56	-2.00	
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	117.91	124.77†	-2.94	1.48
-do- Accum	134.91	142.78	-3.36	1.48
Smaller Cos	120.33	127.33	-1.05	0.82
Higher Yield #	48.68	51.51†	-0.87	4.29
American Gth Inc	77.42	81.93	-5.43	
European Growth	143.64	152.00†	-5.78	0.52
-do- Accum	146.47	154.99	-5.90	0.52
Global Bond Inc #	27.30	28.29	+0.14	7.35
Mngd Pfolio Inc	44.61	47.19†	-1.23	1.46
-do- Accum	45.76	48.40	-1.35	1.46
Intl Spec Opps	125.70	133.01	-5.38	
Pacific Gth	130.85	138.51	-1.92	0.26
UK General #	82.73	87.54	-1.31	3.19
-do- Accum #	86.17	91.19	-1.35	3.19
Japan	55.69	59.15	-2.52	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	98.71	102.29	+0.70	8.61
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	66.20	67.11	+0.19	6.34
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Cover	168.20	173.10	-2.50	1.79
UK Growth	181.40	193.00	-4.50	2.20
UK Income	136.60	145.40†	-2.30	4.46
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 652 100				
Can Gen Dist	206.30	218.70†	-4.80	1.81
-do- Income Dist	112.50	119.30†	-1.60	4.19
-do- Accum	354.40	375.70	-5.10	4.19
Gilt & Fxd Int	40.23	42.65	-0.14	6.38
Growth Units	218.40	233.60	-5.00	2.16
Bond	171.69	180.70	+0.50	6.51
Intl Growth	217.00	231.00	-6.90	0.47
North American	210.55	224.30	-6.20	0.34
Far East	277.00	296.30	-4.20	1.11
UK Smaller Cos	195.00	208.60	-1.50	1.55
European	86.32	91.74	-1.51	0.71
Japanese Growth	43.52	46.26	-1.96	
High Income	198.10	211.90†	-3.30	4.07
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	171.20	192.30†	-8.50	
European Inc	81.59	86.40	-1.80	1.23
Smaller Cos (4-1)	91.46	97.32	-0.45	1.64
Growth	462.90	492.50	-10.80	2.00
Income & Growth #	427.60	455.20	-6.90	3.95
-do- Accum #	623.10	662.30	-10.60	3.95
Japan & Gen	62.37	66.65	-3.32	
Master Portfolio	£104.72	£108.27†	-216.00	2.36
-do- Accum	£128.38	£131.78	-262.00	2.36
Special Sits	108.50	115.50	-1.20	1.99
High Yield	£113.30	£113.70	-27.00	4.39

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CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	90.45	96.59	-0.74	2.64
American Portfolio	104.37	110.78	-1.85	1.00
European Portfolio	109.08	116.52†	-2.90	0.56
High Income	50.81	50.91	+0.38	8.00
Japanese Portfolio	62.64	66.63†	-2.53	
Pacific Portfolio	140.05	150.60	-2.33	1.48
UK Inc & Growth	83.14	89.14†	-0.60	3.03
Utility & Bond	58.16	58.79	-0.27	6.52
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	709.36	720.08	-1.58	4.42
Fxd Int Sec	152.17	152.77	-0.69	8.43
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	636.61	707.13	-7.11	4.51
Investment Acc	£30.67	£31.14	-31.35	
Fixed Int Inc	124.21	124.71	+0.06	9.22
Fixed Int Acc	206.69	207.51	+1.07	
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
0171 837 7867				
Intl Growth	117.35	129.72	-0.64	..
UK Income	110.56	120.00	-0.24	6.33
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Bedrock Intl	86.19	90.59†	+0.28	2.67
Peck Bio-Tech	37.15	40.92	-0.54	
Acorn Ethical Tst	162.69	170.84	-2.02	0.75
City Fin Accum	73.77	77.47†	-0.21	1.77
City Fin America	95.32	100.08	-0.71	
City Fin Intl	82.49	86.61†	-1.07	1.37
City Fin Japan	145.63	152.92	-0.31	
Friars Hse Cap	278.52	301.18	-6.22	2.42
Friars Hse Inc	193.25	208.40	-1.71	4.03
Buckley Wid Gth	129.90	137.69†	-1.88	
Falmont Cap Gth	140.78	150.57	-1.16	...
Falmont Intl	150.15	161.10	-1.35	
J Sid Inc/Gth Inc	55.40	58.27	+0.22	2.01
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	54.96	58.37	-1.18	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
American Gwth	70.30	75.19	-2.92	
Allas Mngd Gwth	38.18	41.37	-1.18	0.64
Dragon Growth	65.95	70.53	-1.27	0.94
Equity High Inc	85.55	91.66	-1.37	4.15
-do- Accum	118.78	127.26	-1.90	4.15
Extra Income Inc	25.90	27.27†	+0.14	7.67
Extra Income Acc	26.95	28.38	+0.15	7.67
European Gwth	54.11	57.56	-0.79	1.31
Evergreen	26.87	28.73	-1.05	
General Equity	90.07	95.56	-2.19	3.05
Japan Growth	46.29	49.51	-2.78	
Pedigree Gwth	54.64	58.66	-0.88	2.92
Ped Sm Cos Inc	32.59	34.87	-0.25	1.67
-do- Accum	34.10	36.28	-0.26	1.67
Retirement Inc #	26.41	28.10	-0.48	5.90
Special Sits	40.75	43.35	-0.67	2.30
UK & Overseas	51.33	54.81	-1.31	1.31
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 898 000				
Capital	72.20	75.09	-1.67	2.02
Balanced	63.52	66.08	-1.03	4.25
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	164.39	174.88†	-3.78	5.00
Fixed & Convertible	39.34	41.85†	-0.01	6.95
Monthly Inc Plus	48.36	51.45†	+0.29	8.71
Preference Share	45.32	48.21†	+0.05	8.09
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	124.77	132.73†	-2.04	6.12
Managed Fund	70.65	74.52†	-1.28	3.12
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	42.13	44.82	-0.83	1.81
-do- Accum	49.84	52.17	-0.72	1.81
UK & General	84.64	90.04†	-2.28	2.82
-do- Accum	108.61	115.54†	-2.83	2.82
UK Growth	157.19	167.22	-4.00	2.43
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	187.08	199.02	-3.62	0.12
Far Eastern Grth	123.72	131.62	-4.10	
Global Bond	80.87	85.92†	-0.38	6.23
Japan Growth	108.07	114.97	-6.36	
North Amer Gth	190.13	202.27	-8.16	
Oriental Growth	75.84	80.68	-1.79	0.07
Worldwide Growth	65.85	70.05†	-2.13	0.07
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.74	91.74†	+0.08	6.11
Homeowner Fund	83.30	88.62	-2.33	1.70
Quilter Fund	139.05	147.93	-3.57	2.06
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	32.48	34.75	-0.30	3.42
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	168.10	178.80†	-0.60	1.39
Income	71.51	76.08	-0.89	5.60
European	83.06	87.09	-1.04	1.17
Recovery	168.30	179.00	-0.30	2.02
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	887.60	912.20		3.46
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	89.07	94.75†	-0.74	1.58
Income #	255.30	271.50†	-4.50	4.35
-do- Accum #	654.60	696.30†	-11.50	4.35
Smaller Cos	192.60	204.80	-1.70	1.01
-do- Accum	236.90	252.00	-3.20	1.01
Inc Portfolio	86.80	92.33	-2.08	1.62
High Inc Port #	74.99	79.77	-1.19	4.47
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	1563.20	1614.00	+2.20	..
Japan Small Cos	1066.30	1087.60	-16.70	..
UK Small Cos	1923.00	2004.20	-8.60	..
US Small Cos	1829.60	1867.10	-55.20	..
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	219.80	231.40	-0.20	2.91
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 315 2500				
European Gwth	287.40	303.50	-4.70	0.70
New Asia	212.30	225.80†	-5.40	0.15
Japan Growth	105.48	112.10†	-5.40	.
Jap Smllr Co	426.70	452.90	-10.20	.
Nth Amer	315.50	334.00	-10.40	0.88
UK Inc & Gth	224.40	238.30†	-4.40	2.80
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	151.20	160.80	-3.50	1.67
UK High Inc Inc	159.90	170.10	-3.50	4.23
-do- Accum	208.70	222.00	-4.70	4.23
UK Prof & F I Inc	58.66	62.20	+0.21	5.84
Envrnmntl Opps	92.40	98.29	-1.46	0.95
UK Smlr Cos #	59.47	63.26	-0.13	0.01
Euro Income Inc	47.23	50.14	+0.14	15.58
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 528				
American	139.00	147.50	-4.40	1.19
Convertibles #	21.11	22.43†	-0.11	6.24
Equity Income #	131.40	139.60†	-2.60	3.80
Eurofund	48.87	52.90	-0.41	0.38
Financial	47.35	50.21†	-1.38	1.49
Growth & Inc #	253.30	269.10	-3.90	2.88
High Dist #	164.80	175.10	-2.10	4.28
International	386.00	410.10	-11.90	0.12
Intl Cap Inc	93.89	100.20†	-2.40	2.74
Latin American	24.13	25.64	-2.53	
Pacific	77.95	82.92†	-1.05	
Pref High Inc	21.16	22.50†	+0.01	7.33
Tokyo	207.50	220.30†	-8.70	
UK Smaller Cos	253.10	268.90	-2.90	1.02
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
Bfit Director Digs	95.52	101.73	-0.39	1.54
Growth Acc	232.18	247.90	-3.52	0.75
Income	581.47	619.31	.	5.39
Intl & General	399.38	415.77	-15.71	0.15
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	213.40	222.80†	-3.70	1.04
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	62.16	66.48	-1.94	2.12
Ethical Tst	43.43	45.72	-1.19	1.44
Far Eastern	289.11	301.33	-10.00	1.83
High Income	134.63	141.72	-2.25	4.84
Intl Growth	119.23	125.50	-3.46	0.58
North American	125.03	131.61	-4.34	1.89
Pelican	129.96	138.49†	-1.73	3.43
Smaller Cos	65.83	70.35	-0.24	2.19
Special Sits	87.75	92.37	-1.64	2.84
Tst of Inv Tsts	188.26	198.17	-3.71	1.33
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	194.01	206.39†	-1.94	1.36
Smaller Cos Acc	343.35	365.27†	-3.41	1.36
Recovery	48.75	51.86	-0.81	1.88
Recovery Acc	49.64	52.81	-0.83	1.88
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	86.17	92.41†	-1.33	
Fd of Inv Tsts	45.87	48.93	-1.02	0.59
High Income #	40.60	43.51†	-0.18	10.56
Managed	49.93	54.27†	-2.28	
Zero Preference	41.42	43.95	+0.05	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	80.69	85.83†	-2.38	3.08
Family Income Tst	40.82	43.42†	-0.85	6.66
Family Trust	89.31	95.01†	-1.55	2.01
United Charities	260.60	277.20†	-8.00	4.74
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients, 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		6.10
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	27.45	27.54†	+0.09	7.26
Intl Bond	29.26	30.36†	-0.52	5.53
Income Funds				
High Income	24.58	25.95†	-0.17	5.56
Income Plus	116.40	122.80	-1.70	4.28
Amer Eq Inc	52.55	55.73	-1.77	1.59
European Income	44.16	46.96	-0.76	2.44
Far East Inc	64.40	68.44	-1.72	2.41
Global Convertible	23.58	25.16†	-0.35	2.78
UK Bls Gth	26.82	28.83	-0.54	2.26
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	60.58	64.62†	-1.12	
American	272.30	288.70	-12.90	..
Amer Spec Sits	146.90	156.20	-5.50	..
Japan Smaller Cos	34.08	36.36	-1.36	
European	192.50	204.70†	-2.90	..
European Opps	67.64	71.92	-1.55	..
Global Pnr	27.15	28.87	-0.62	..
UK Growth	102.30	108.80	-1.90	
Growth & Inc	153.90	163.30	-3.30	2.86
Intl PEP	40.92	43.51	-1.82	
Japan Spec Sit	81.00	86.27	-3.30	
Japan	175.40	186.60	-6.28	
Managed Intl	304.90	324.80	-9.40	
Moneybuilder	57.22	60.84	-1.46	...
Recovery	49.24	52.36	-1.07	
South E Asia	160.38	171.00†	-4.50	
Special Sits	585.70	622.80	-13.70	...
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	111.53	111.53	+0.09	6.10
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2760				
Balanced #	133.30	142.00†	-1.30	2.38
Inc Pfolio #	88.17	89.82	-1.55	3.66
Cap Pfolio	146.80	149.20	-4.30	1.50
General Opps	127.70	129.40†	-0.80	1.59
Growth Inc	32.49	33.17	-0.70	1.18
Private Portfolio	436.10	445.30	-3.30	1.65
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Enq 0171 454 1434 Dlg 01277 261 010				
European	119.10	128.10	-2.30	0.82
Emrg Asian	152.80	162.40†	-2.30	
High Income	20.73	22.05†	-0.27	10.20
UK Growth	113.90	122.00	-1.80	2.51
UK Income	105.70	112.80	-3.20	4.41
US Smaller Cos	351.00	375.60†	-18.30	
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
-do- Inv Tst Inc	75.88	79.77†	-1.00	4.26
Investment Trust	96.79	101.78†	-1.64	
UK Smaller Cos	92.39	97.05	-1.41	0.98

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	66.62	71.11	-2.04	..
-do- Accum	66.62	71.11	-2.04	
Amer Smllr Cos	565.40	605.80	-22.50	
-do- Accum	578.80	618.80	-24.10	...
Capital Tst	332.70	353.80†	-0.20	1.52
-do- Accum	483.20	513.90†	-0.30	1.52
Contl Smllr Cos	58.51	62.47	-1.61	0.66
-do- Accum	61.74	65.97	-1.71	0.66
Convertible	130.90	139.20	-0.70	5.39
-do- Accum	268.90	287.10	-1.40	5.39
Emerging Markets	64.01	68.38	-1.94	...
-do- Accum	64.06	68.43	-1.95	...
European	122.80	130.00	-3.70	0.43
-do- Accum	129.00	136.80	-3.70	0.43
Extra Income	355.60	378.20	-9.60	3.88
-do- Accum	546.00	580.70	-14.80	3.88
Financial	138.50	148.50†	-3.70	0.73
-do- Accum	146.60	157.10†	-4.00	0.73
Gilt Trust	91.46	93.37†	+0.13	6.33
-do- Accum	90.50	93.32†	+0.19	6.33
Health Fund Inc	187.40	200.10	-2.70	.
-do- Accum	187.40	200.10	-2.70	.
Income & Growth	205.10	218.20	-3.90	3.63
-do- Accum	314.50	334.50	-6.10	3.63
Intl Growth	382.70	405.70†	-13.50	..
-do- Accum	425.00	453.90†	-14.90	..
Japan & Gen	171.00	182.30	-7.30	..
-do- Accum	172.80	184.20	-7.30	..
Monthly Inc	176.60	187.80†	-1.40	3.68
Managed Port Inc	110.20	118.00	-2.20	2.05
-do- Accum	118.40	124.60	-2.20	2.05
Quarterly Income	52.99	56.80	-0.55	4.50
-do- Accum	58.21	62.40	-0.61	4.50
Recovery	340.60	364.40	-12.30	0.16
-do- Accum	402.30	430.10	-14.50	0.16
UK Growth	58.10	62.23	-1.85	2.45
-do- Accum	61.67	65.95	-1.12	2.45
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01705 881330 Enq 01705 881340				
FP American	50.60	53.82	-1.48	0.58
FP Am Smllr Cos	145.60	155.70	-7.19	
FP Asian Growth	254.30	271.90	-4.60	
FP Australian	336.70	361.20	-7.00	...
FP Equity Dist	403.00	428.70	-10.40	2.71
-do- Accum	863.20	918.20	-22.30	2.71
FP Euro Gth	230.30	244.90†	-2.80	0.24
-do- Accum	250.20	266.10†	-3.10	0.24
FP Intl Bond	59.32	62.77	.	4.78
FP Intl Gth Dist	33.43	35.67	-0.80	0.54
-do- Accum	48.48	51.73	-1.17	0.54
FP Pac Basin Acc	199.60	213.30†	-6.30	
FP Income	55.54	59.24	-1.24	4.63
-do- Accum	183.20	195.40	-4.10	4.63
FP Jap Smllr Cos	291.50	310.90	-9.90	..
FP Monthly Dist	71.58	76.36†	-0.72	5.72
FP Stlg Deposit	100.40	100.40†	+0.10	6.25
FP Tokyo	79.03	81.09	-4.83	..
FP UK Focus	36.36	39.09†	-1.23	2.85
FP UK Growth	178.30	190.10	-4.30	2.79
-do-Accum	350.00	373.30	-6.40	2.79
Stewardship Dist	361.50	384.50	-5.00	1.91
-do- Accum	446.40	474.80	-6.20	1.91
Stwdshp Inc Dist	74.08	78.80	-0.75	3.71
-do- Accum	97.75	104.00	-1.00	3.71
N Am Stshp Dist	107.70	114.10	-4.70	0.93
-do- Accum	114.50	121.80	-5.10	0.93
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	112.50	119.60	-1.80	1.10
Dpco Cap Gth Acc	117.00	124.40	-2.40	0.11
Cap Gth Inc Inc	108.70	115.60	-1.50	2.23
Cap Gth Inc Acc	112.50	119.60	-1.50	2.23
Dpn Cp Gth Ic Ic	114.30	121.50	-1.00	3.32
Dpn Cp Gth Ic Ac	118.70	126.20	-1.00	3.32
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 108/7				
GANDA	256.20	270.90	-5.80	2.25
Cash	49.78	50.53	+0.05	5.27
Growth Portfolio	78.34	83.04	-2.11	0.98
Income Portfolio	64.72	68.45	-1.10	4.50
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	202.70	216.80	-10.90	1.56
Dividend	90.84	97.16	-2.59	3.85
Int Gth & Inc	227.00	242.80	-8.10	3.17
UK & Gen	46.37	49.59	-1.55	2.12
Fund of Funds	67.16	71.83†	-1.08	..
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	202.80	216.90	-7.30	..
European	606.00	648.10	-21.30	0.29
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	49.63	52.89†		5.13
-do- Accum	54.01	57.56		5.13
Far East & Gen	248.40	265.80	-8.10	..
Germany	120.90	128.00†	-2.40	
High Yield #	48.70	51.49	+0.04	8.25
-do- Accum #	50.34	53.22	+0.04	8.25
Income Inc	164.30	175.80	-2.98	4.47
-do- Accum	181.30	193.90	-3.20	4.47
International	341.50	365.20	-5.10	
Intl Income	86.05	91.20	-1.16	3.35
Japan & General	419.70	446.90	-0.60	
Korean Securities	70.76	75.68	-2.44	
Orient Acc	134.80	144.20	-3.20	0.24
Smllr Cos Div Inc	45.44	48.60	-0.51	4.15
-do- Accum	50.18	53.67	-0.56	4.15
UK Capital Inc	177.80	190.20	-2.60	1.50
UK Capital Acc	313.40	335.20	-4.70	1.50
UK Spec Sits	90.96	97.29†	-1.22	1.33
US & General	159.00	168.90	-6.20	..
Wrldw Spec Sits	146.40	158.60	-3.80	...
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	53.33	57.04	-1.32	1.86
Cash Trust	140.58	140.58	+0.14	6.01
Protocol Inv Inc #	114.97	122.96†	-2.51	2.78
-do- Accum #	269.82	288.58†	-5.86	2.78
UK Index	159.65	160.45†	-3.46	2.59
UK Smaller Cos	143.05	152.99†	-0.44	0.60
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	23.73	24.59†	+0.09	8.50
High Income	33.61	35.95	-0.32	5.26
UK Equity Income	143.48	153.45	-2.52	2.84
Global Bond	29.74	30.82†	-0.08	5.13
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	42.73	45.70	-1.82	..
Global Managed	134.97	143.67†	-3.22	1.53
Gold & Intl Res	97.59	104.37	-2.64	
Global Utilities	136.93	148.43	-2.62	1.49
Overseas Funds				
American	166.38	177.83	-5.33	0.90
European	112.48	119.23	-2.28	0.89
Euro Sel Opps	169.30	179.58	-2.59	..
Amer Emerging	131.46	140.60	-5.67	
Hong Kong	141.35	151.16	-5.32	1.91
Japan	220.05	235.65	-12.46	
Pacific Growth	211.39	226.09	-3.32	
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	227.49	227.49†	-4.92	2.15
Long Term Bal	249.15	249.15†	-3.78	3.15
Med Term Bal	209.51	209.51†	-2.07	3.32
UK Equity	261.24	261.24	-5.79	2.55
UK Emerging Cos	154.08	154.08	-1.68	2.84
American	270.26	270.26†	-6.08	1.15
Japan	116.32	116.32†	-5.24	..
European	293.17	293.17†	-8.06	1.00
Index Linked Gilt	176.99	176.99	+0.33	2.73
Fixed Interest	163.81	163.81	+0.38	6.57
Amer Emergng	316.49	316.49†	-13.72	..
Pacific	235.65	235.65	-3.59	0.74
Emerging Mkts	113.41	113.41	-8.02	0.78
Index Strat Japan	138.12	138.12	-7.92	0.22
-do- Pacific Rim	181.82	181.82	-3.66	1.44
-do- Cont Europe	161.37	161.37	-3.16	2.84
Index Strat USA	156.91	156.91	-4.37	1.56
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	107.21	114.05	-2.42	..
Med Term Bal	99.64	106.00	-1.05	..
Long Term Bal	111.98	119.12	-1.80	..
UK Equity	120.89	128.60	-2.85	..
UK Emerging Cos	72.23	76.84	-0.84	..
American	125.14	133.12	-3.00	..
Japan	55.72	59.28	-2.67	..
European	121.87	129.65	-2.68	..
Fixed Interest	83.27	88.58	+0.20	..
Index Linked Gilt	78.62	83.64	+0.15	..
Deposit	83.30	88.62	+0.21	.
Broker Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	147.56	155.33	-1.74	0.55
BroBW Gth Port Inc	66.76	70.46	+0.30	0.50
-do- Inc Port Inc	58.64	61.89	-0.52	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	55.31	58.37	-2.09	0.10
Shaw Utilities	65.88	69.53	-1.31	2.59
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	582.68	619.87	-6.26	2.24
-do- Accum	846.05	899.42	-6.96	2.24
European Inc	156.67	166.45	-1.67	1.29
Amalgam Inc	152.96	161.06	-1.34	
N America Inc	341.04	362.81	-8.94	0.72
Far East Inc	356.10	378.83	-9.58	
-do- Accum	368.81	392.35	-9.93	
UK Dedd Inc	187.88	199.87	+3.60	2.38
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	98.32	103.07†	-3.04	4.40
UK Small Cos	56.49	60.40†	+0.12	0.96
British Growth	61.80	65.87	-0.83	2.59
American Gwth	219.19	234.42	-5.43	
Japan Gwth	63.90	68.27	-1.96	
Greater China	179.78	192.35	-3.48	0.44
Pacific Strategy	148.47	158.78	-3.83	0.23
European Gwth	92.12	98.35†	-1.92	0.73
Intl Growth	153.76	164.44	-5.55	..
US Index (C)	15.3901	16.2760	-0.53	4.60
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	79.38	84.89	-2.59	2.33
Monthly Income	39.92	42.60†	-0.06	8.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing 071 865 0033				
Grd UK Index (E)	12.1960	12.8753	-0.96	4.98
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	95.55	101.65	-0.17	1.51
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 9888				
European	509.20	544.00	-8.10	0.51
Gilt & Fixed	127.00	134.70	+0.40	5.63
Growth Equity	368.20	393.30	-7.70	1.58
Income Trust	142.50	152.21	-3.00	3.26
International	188.50	201.30†	-6.00	0.20
Japan Trust	119.00	127.10	-5.40	..
Nth American	301.70	322.38†	-12.50	..
Pacific	535.10	571.50†	-10.80	0.13
Growth	552.90	580.60	-11.80	1.62
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	105.58	109.58	-0.35	6.66
Global High Inc	100.58	104.43	-0.74	6.89
Corporate Bond	102.78	105.63†	-0.53	6.50
Eqty & Bond Inc	105.64	113.38†	-0.38	4.65
European Growth	108.42	115.28	-2.64	.
Intl PEP Trust	62.62	66.57	-2.19	..
Equity Inc	128.93	137.09	-1.27	3.79
-do- Accum	181.18	192.65	-1.80	3.76
Recovery	354.30	376.79†	-8.00	1.98
-do- Accum	415.38	441.50	-9.30	1.96
SI Wns High Inc	127.38	129.30	-2.21	6.71
UK Emerg Cos	261.50	278.10	-5.90	2.88
UK Smll Cos	338.00	354.30	-20.90	2.68
Glob Priv Tst	93.23	99.12†	-1.90	1.47
-do- Accum	95.10	101.11	-1.92	1.46
Inc Share Tst	89.36	95.02	-0.96	7.93
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing 0171 220 9050				
Growth	28.66	30.39	-0.45	1.92
Growth Acc	29.03	30.78	-0.46	1.92
Income	28.81	30.55†	-0.48	3.96
Income Acc	29.53	31.31	-0.49	3.96
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries 01277 227 300 Dealing 01277 690 390				
Model Pfolio	214.80	224.70	-6.00	3.55
Smaller Cos	33.29	35.41	-0.14	1.36
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT				
Enquiries 01277 263 290 Dealing 01277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	328.74	351.75	-3.06	1.41
Best of British	66.24	70.41	-1.41	2.78
UK Smaller Cos	136.57	146.81	-0.64	1.77
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	287.02	305.64	-5.35	3.64
-do- Accum #	784.26	835.20	-14.62	3.64
High Income	324.89	347.30†	-3.93	4.47
Extra Income #	283.73	301.74†	-3.49	5.64
Pref & Bond	48.03	48.39†	-0.07	8.50
International				
International	280.07	299.60†	-18.24	0.42
Global Bond	54.37	57.70†	-0.67	5.39
Intl Port Tst	88.48	94.60	-1.53	0.61
Global Tech	22.78	24.03	-0.25	..
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	174.74	186.86	-1.92	0.73
European	513.80	544.93†	-8.29	0.74
European Income #	82.67	87.49	-0.52	1.98

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Euro Smll Cos	159.59	171.08†	-5.46	0.82
Eur Sp Sits	75.82	80.88†	-2.21	1.11
-do- Accum	81.00	86.61	-2.37	1.11
Japan Trust	208.63	220.63	-5.28	...
Japan Special Sits	206.59	220.33†	-3.99	...
Pacific Smll Cos	225.69	241.48†	-4.86	0.04
North American	261.42	277.70	-8.71	0.34
American Smaller	130.36	139.38†	-3.63	...
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	107.24	112.29	-2.17	1.96
Capital	182.64	191.25	-4.79	1.43
Dollar	412.15	431.57†	-17.75	..
Enterprise Gth	358.69	375.59	-7.00	1.35
European	236.87	249.81	-6.32	0.47
Far East	304.38	318.73	-7.22	..
Financial	693.91	686.63†	-29.86	1.76
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	25.47	26.49†	+0.09	6.98
High Yield	106.01	111.01	-2.00	3.83
Income & Growth	148.71	155.71	-6.60	3.17
International	266.73	279.30	-8.74	...
Japanese General	198.97	208.35	-6.70	...
Japan Tech	86.78	90.85	-4.01	...
Natl Resources	73.24	76.69†	-1.77	..
Portfolio	76.59	80.20†	-1.99	1.33
Smaller Cos	141.20	147.85†	-1.05	1.23
Special Sits	169.96	177.97	-1.88	1.36
UK Emerging Cos	102.76	107.60	-0.41	0.93
US Smaller Cos	113.39	118.82	-5.38	...
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers: 0800 181 890 Investors: 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced #	106.80	113.10†	-1.50	5.99
Capital	637.10	679.90†	-14.40	2.27
Income #	597.20	637.30	-10.80	5.25
Foxtale Fund	59.33	59.62	-1.29	2.81
Tracker Index	112.70	120.30	-1.69	2.06
UK Index	148.00	158.00	-3.58	2.93
International Funds				
American Growth	519.70	552.80	-24.10	0.38
American Index	235.00	249.50	-6.90	1.35
European Growth	117.80	125.80	-2.10	0.17
Eurotrack 100	169.50	180.10	-3.30	1.97
Global Bond	22.34	23.56	-0.16	5.26
Japan Growth	268.20	285.90†	-11.40	..
Japan Index	73.22	78.14	-4.53	0.21
Japan Smllr Cos	30.19	32.22	-0.85	...
Far Eastern Funds				
Asian	57.93	61.83	-1.40	0.28
Hong Kong Gwth	111.50	119.00	-2.90	1.39
Spore & Mlysa Gth	73.76	78.74	-0.42	..
Tiger Index	196.80	210.00†	-4.50	1.09
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	37.81	39.30	-0.17	1.06
General Funds				
Managed	77.09	80.14	-2.18	1.17
Rupert Cwld Fnd	91.10	94.70	-1.62	2.32
UK Growth	64.20	66.74	-1.12	2.32
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc	82.58	85.82	-0.93	6.72
Gilt & Fixed Int	26.46	27.30†	+0.07	8.35
UK Inc & Gwth	42.32	43.99†	-0.83	3.56
UK Income	335.06	348.20†	-7.50	5.84
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	53.27	55.25†	-2.53	0.28
Amer Smllr Cos	127.40	132.40	-4.50	..
-do- Accum	128.80	133.90	-4.50	..
Europe Gth	178.18	184.80	-4.80	..
-do- Accum	184.50	191.40	-5.10	..
Euro Smaller Cos	33.18	34.47†	-0.56	..
French Growth	78.68	81.79	-0.33	0.28
Accum Units	84.42	87.75	-0.35	0.28
H Kong & China	82.26	85.45	-2.82	1.37
Intl Growth	59.61	61.96†	-2.73	0.55
-do- Accum	60.44	62.83†	-1.75	0.55
Japan Gth	28.71	30.88	-1.82	..
Accum Units	28.71	30.88	-1.82	..
Japan Smaller Cos	37.35	38.83†	-1.49	..
Glob Emg Mkts	90.73	94.31	-3.91	..
Accum Units	91.37	94.98	-3.94	..
SE Asia	312.40	324.70	-9.20	0.03
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	55.58	57.26†	-0.25	5.93
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 261010				
Sector Value Inc	..	100.00	...	5.25
Sector Value Gwth	..	100.00	...	3.40
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	183.10	194.80	-7.80	..
Income	180.22	191.71	-2.45	3.18
UK Growth	68.51	72.88	-0.26	0.48
International	79.86	84.95	-1.79	0.07
Ecology	80.12	84.81†	-1.85	1.32
European	142.52	151.61	+1.38	..
Far Eastern	291.80	310.40	-8.80	.
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	97.86	101.30	+0.50	7.59
Gilt Yield	115.40	121.85†	+0.30	6.98

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Global Income	212.68	226.20	-4.70	3.83
High Yield	140.70	149.70	-2.30	5.97
-do- Accum	444.10	472.40	-7.30	5.97
Smllr Cos Div	55.27	58.80	-0.50	2.87
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	112.00	119.18	-4.90	..
Asian Growth	311.10	331.00	-6.10	0.25
-do- Accum	365.60	388.90	-7.30	0.25
North American	88.62	94.28	-2.74	0.25
European Special	115.80	123.20	-2.50	0.10
European	156.50	166.50	-1.80	0.47
-do- Accum	206.30	219.40	-2.40	0.47
Global Ecty Inc	107.70	114.40	-2.70	2.23
Japan	392.90	418.00	-13.20	.
Japanese Special	225.30	239.70	-8.40	..
Smaller Cos	119.40	127.00	-8.80	1.17
UK Ecuty Growth	42.24	44.94	-1.84	1.64
UK Index Inc	300.20	303.20	-5.60	3.79
Exchequer Tst	98.18	105.70	.	2.84
-do- Accum	98.18	105.70		2.84
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	255.48	265.62†	-2.15	5.38
Inc & Growth Inc	57.99	61.68	-0.81	4.43
Smaller Cos	65.29	69.46†	-0.33	1.45
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	263.50	280.30	-5.88	1.91
High Income	109.50	116.40	-2.00	4.46
International	98.43	104.70	-4.10	0.57
Recovery Trust	70.05	74.52†	-2.51	1.49
European Trust	78.96	84.00	-1.92	0.91
Japanese Trust	39.11	41.60	-2.11	..
American Trust	96.19	102.32†	-4.10	..
Managed	67.39	71.69	-1.89	0.68
Cash	51.12	51.12	+0.03	4.94
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	397.40	421.60	-7.50	2.43
UK Inc/Gth	426.20	452.20	-7.00	3.09
UK Income	299.50	317.80	-5.00	3.78
UK Sm Cos	261.10	276.30	-1.60	1.77
Euro Gwth	137.00	145.10	-3.40	..
N Amer Gwth	101.60	108.00	-3.60	0.22
Japan Growth	60.20	63.87	-3.14	..
Money Mkt	127.355	127.355	.	0.600
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	519.50	544.60	-10.50	2.68
-do- Accum	£10.31	£10.99	-21.00	2.68
Equity Income #	100.90	107.30	-1.60	4.44
UK Tactical Allocatn	62.17	63.90†	-1.73	4.42
European	123.50	131.40	-2.40	1.70
Far Eastern	211.10	224.60†	-5.70	..
Fixed Interest	52.11	55.42†	+0.39	7.42
Gilt	88.16	93.49†	+0.25	6.57
Global Growth	74.42	78.17	-1.82	0.37
Intl Bond	54.12	57.48	+0.08	4.68
Japanese	70.92	75.46	-3.84	..
North American	168.30	179.00	-4.20	0.43
Pacific Growth	105.80	112.50†	-2.10	0.21
UK Index	67.10	70.82†	-1.56	3.16
UK Recovery	100.50	106.90†	-1.39	1.97
UK Smaller Cos	137.10	145.90	-0.80	1.47
US Index	70.24	74.13	-2.25	1.50
European Index	79.14	83.53	-1.84	2.20
Japan Index	37.75	39.84	-2.31	..
Worldwide	87.87	93.48	-1.68	1.58
LINCOLN NATIONAL				
0181 952 8878 Dealing: 0800 262 621				
Growth	52.20	55.83	-1.18	2.10
Income	60.95	65.19	-0.65	3.09
Far East	50.88	54.42	-1.87	...
North American	121.40	129.80	-5.30	..
Global	100.50	107.90	-3.20	0.28
European	88.95	95.13	-1.77	0.68
Japan	97.79	104.60†	-4.80	..
Intl Currency Bd	60.86	64.55†	+0.08	4.33
SE Asia	98.59	105.47	-1.90	.
UK Cap Growth	94.49	101.10†	-2.50	1.74
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	365.80	389.20	-3.10	2.75
-do- Acc	842.30	896.10	-8.80	2.75
Conf Smr Gth	67.05	70.58	-0.47	1.42
-do- Acc	71.64	75.42	-0.50	1.42
Extra Inc	270.40	287.70	-4.40	4.15
-do- Acc	715.10	760.80	-11.90	4.15
FTSE 100 Inc	107.30	114.20	-2.90	2.58
FTSE 100 Acc	109.30	116.30	-2.90	2.56
Gartmr Gth	130.80	137.70	-3.20	..
-do- Acc	137.20	144.50	-3.30	..
Growth Port	577.70	614.80†	-10.40	0.10
-do- Acc	594.80	632.80	-10.90	0.10
High Interest Inc	95.37	98.83	+0.06	8.26
High Interest Acc	95.37	98.83	+1.55	8.20
HI Income Inc #	103.90	112.50	-0.70	8.57
HI Income Acc #	106.50	113.30	-0.70	8.57
Income	500.80	532.80†	-10.50	3.67
-do- Acc	£13.92	£14.81	-23.00	3.67
Income Port	526.20	559.60†	-11.70	4.61

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
ditto Acc	573.50	610.20	-7.10	4.81
Japan Growth	103.60	110.30	-4.40	..
ditto Acc	104.00	110.70	-4.50	..
Master Trust	60.41	64.27	-1.06	1.30
ditto Acc	68.83	73.02	-1.21	1.30
N American Gen	205.00	218.10	-5.90	0.78
ditto Acc	237.00	252.20	-6.70	0.78
NAm Sm Cit Rec	158.10	168.30	-7.50	...
ditto Acc	162.30	172.70	-7.70	..
Pacific Basin	251.10	267.20	-13.90	0.52
ditto Acc	266.60	283.90	-14.80	0.52
Small Cos Rec	428.60	459.20†	-5.30	1.89
ditto Acc	603.00	614.60	-1.40	1.89
UK Growth	91.28	97.11	-1.76	2.22
ditto Acc	112.40	119.60	-2.38	2.22
Worldwide Gth	322.50	343.10	-8.90	..
ditto Acc	475.70	506.10	-13.10	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 678				
American	74.65	80.04	-2.13	0.40
General	95.51	102.47	-2.03	2.40
Income	67.44	72.30†	-1.32	5.30
International	68.41	71.25	-2.11	0.50
Japan	54.22	58.17	-2.74	..
Tst of Inv Trusts	69.16	74.29†	-1.60	1.30
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	437.20	462.30	-19.30	0.45
-do- Accum	543.80	577.10	-24.10	0.45
Amer Recovery	485.90	513.80†	-25.20	0.47
-do- Accum	559.80	592.00†	-27.30	0.47
Amer Smlr Cos	137.40	145.30	-5.70	...
-do- Accum	140.40	148.40	-5.80	..
Australasian	154.70	163.60	-2.60	2.26
-do- Accum	190.90	201.90	-3.20	2.26
Capital	883.30	934.10	-22.10	2.85
-do- Accum	1024.40	1083.40	-25.70	2.85
Charifund	727.70	735.00	-18.00	5.85
-do- Accum	3506.40	3541.60	-87.00	5.85
Commodity	388.30	410.60	-16.70	0.56
-do- Accum	571.90	604.70	-15.80	0.56
Compound Gwth	1011.60	1070.00†	-27.60	2.91
-do- Accum	1088.60	1151.20†	-25.70	2.91
Dividend	43.10	45.60	-0.96	4.30
-do- Accum	183.00	194.50	-4.60	4.30
Equity Income	344.90	364.70	-7.00	4.86
-do- Accum	457.70	484.00	-9.30	4.86
Euro & General	551.70	582.30	-8.30	1.24
-do- Accum	677.60	716.70	-10.50	1.24
Euro Dividend	73.57	77.79	-0.40	3.94
-do- Accum	90.60	95.80	-0.58	3.94
Extra Yield	431.70	458.50†	-11.40	4.93
-do- Accum	1385.10	1478.80†	-37.00	4.93
Far Eastern	340.00	359.60	-6.60	0.63
-do- Accum	453.50	479.60	-8.90	0.63
Fund of Inv Tsts	636.40	673.00	-13.20	1.91
-do- Accum	1200.70	1269.90	-24.80	1.91
General	84.10	87.80	-1.40	3.86
-do- Accum	182.80	193.40	-4.90	3.86
Gilt Income	80.33	80.41	+0.45	7.30
-do- Accum	172.62	172.86	+1.50	7.80
Gold	62.50	66.10	-3.10	1.01
-do- Accum	74.10	78.30	-3.70	1.01
High Income	30.70	32.50	-0.69	4.62
-do- Accum	128.00	133.30	-2.70	4.62
Intl Growth	79.80	84.40	-1.90	0.93
-do- Accum	140.20	148.40	-3.30	0.93
International Inc	100.70	106.50†	-1.40	4.29
-do- Accum	155.60	164.70†	-2.20	4.29
Japan & Gen	39.10	41.40	-1.90	...
-do- Accum	42.00	44.40	-2.10	..
Japan Smlr Cos	139.50	147.90†	-5.10	...
-do- Accum	140.90	148.90†	-5.10	...
Managed Gwth	24.70	26.10	-0.50	1.00
Managed Income	28.40	29.80†	-0.50	4.16
Midland	60.70	64.20†	-1.60	3.34
-do- Accum	308.20	332.40†	-5.50	3.34
Pension Ex	996.60	1021.60	-27.00	4.29
Recovery	44.30	46.80	-1.20	2.65
-do- Accum	73.60	77.90	-2.10	2.65
Second General	71.90	76.00	-1.50	3.74
-do- Accum	189.00	199.80	-3.90	3.74
Smaller Cos	71.40	75.50	-0.49	3.15
-do- Accum	144.00	152.40	-0.70	3.15
Sterling HY Int	24.62	24.72†	+0.10	8.10
Treasury	25.08	25.11†	-0.08	6.36
Trustee	41.90	44.30†	-1.00	4.52
-do- Accum	175.20	185.50†	-4.00	4.52
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	84.48	89.88†	-1.98	1.41
Intl Bond	88.42	88.79	-0.02	5.57
Intl Equity Growth	75.79	80.51	-2.41	0.57
N Amer Growth	111.52	118.46†	-3.75	0.59
Special Sits Growth	23.17	24.61	-0.48	2.23
UK Growth	398.56	425.06†	-19.14	2.77
-do- Accum	505.12	569.27	-13.57	2.77
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01528 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1385.40	1420.70	-22.80	3.00
Income #	1006.60	1019.70	-10.70	4.20
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0737 222 4242				
Maldon General	155.80	159.60	.	3.79
For Manulife see Canada Life				
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
01244 688 866				
M & S Inv Pfolio	161.50	170.80	-3.10	2.15
-do- Accum	187.90	197.80	-3.60	2.15
UK Sel Pfolio	147.40	148.80	-2.70	2.49
-do- Accum	168.30	175.10	-3.10	2.49
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 384 842				
Managed Tst	70.44	74.94†	+0.02	3.85
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4845				
Intl Income	75.36	80.00†	-1.18	4.18
European	88.68	94.12	-0.58	1.21
Income #	77.39	82.16	-1.53	4.93
Nth American	74.21	78.78	-2.67	0.59
Far East	163.59	173.60	-3.00	0.10
Japan	56.38	59.83	-1.89	..
Emgng Mkts	83.43	89.23	-2.83	0.82
Intl Growth	113.70	120.70†	-3.60	0.63
UK Growth	106.48	112.90	-0.50	1.63
UK Smlr Co	51.18	54.33	-0.36	1.35
Asian Opps Fd	35.33	36.86	-0.78	0.08
Glob Gwth PEP	53.51	56.80†	-0.95	0.49
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	434.01	461.71†	-8.80	3.85
Global Inc	71.57	76.14†	-0.23	3.67
Brit Leaders	372.80	395.96†	-6.97	1.77
Intl Leaders	206.41	219.59†	-4.59	1.41
PAM Mg Bal Gth	65.06	68.93†	-0.90	0.76
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0171 280 2060				
American	219.20	232.48	-11.80	..
-do- Accum	234.30	248.40	-12.48	..
American Opps	105.10	112.10†	-5.90	...
-do- Accum	106.49	113.59†	-5.98	...
British Blue Chip	84.13	89.32†	-2.14	2.89
-do- Accum	106.50	112.90†	-2.89	2.89
Cash	100.20	100.20†	-1.00	6.35
-do- Accum *	142.20	142.20†	+0.10	6.35
Emerging Mkts	102.80	110.50	-4.80	0.13
-do- Accum	103.40	111.20	-4.00	0.13
European Growth	262.20	278.80	-4.10	0.18
-do- Accum	284.50	302.60	-4.40	0.18
European Income	86.20	91.41	-0.51	3.14
-do- Accum	118.80	126.00	-0.70	3.14
General	335.90	370.20†	-16.50	2.17
-do- Accum	1062.00	1138.00†	-32.00	2.17
Global Bond	129.50	136.00†	..	5.42
-do- Accum	163.20	171.40†	..	5.42
Gold & General	195.90	210.60	-7.20	0.43
-do- Accum	202.30	217.50	-7.40	0.43
Govt Securities	92.72	95.59	+0.26	6.14
-do- Accum	184.90	190.60	+0.60	6.14
High Yield Bd	99.61	103.10	+0.50	7.13
-do- Accum	99.61	103.10	+0.50	7.13
Income	163.30	173.40	-3.00	4.89
-do- Accum	261.30	277.90	-6.00	4.89
Inc Portfolio #	101.50	108.10†	-1.60	4.86
-do- Accum #	106.50	112.80†	-1.70	4.86
Intl Opps	475.20	505.80	-17.20	0.17
-do- Accum	636.70	673.10	-23.39	0.17
Japan	166.30	176.70	-7.10	..
-do- Accum	164.80	174.60	-7.30	..
New Europe	191.40	204.30	-5.40	0.98
-do- Accum	197.30	210.50	-5.60	0.98
Pacific	110.70	118.10	-2.30	0.86
-do- Accum	119.80	135.70	-2.60	0.86
Recovery	324.50	346.10†	-9.40	0.75
-do- Accum	420.70	448.70†	-8.50	0.75
UK Smaller Cos	57.35	61.17	-0.63	0.84
-do- Accum	65.42	69.83	-0.73	0.84
Portfolio	84.57	89.75†	-1.84	2.57
-do- Accum	101.60	108.00†	-2.20	2.57
Managed Gth	104.00	108.90	-2.60	1.74
Managed Inc	103.50	113.60	-1.30	3.96
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Evergrowth Plus	123.79	131.69	-2.55	0.18
Portfolio	70.20	74.69	-1.84	1.51
UK Income Inc	80.52	85.66	-2.14	5.06
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	82.31	85.25†	-1.03	2.95
-do- Accum	67.53	70.71†	-1.12	2.95
British Tst	92.86	97.24	-2.76	1.95
-do- Accum	108.90	114.00	-3.30	1.95
Extra High Inc	68.08	71.29†	-0.51	8.71
-do- Accum	137.50	143.90†	-1.10	8.71
FT-SE 100 Acc	60.06	62.89	-1.39	2.63
FT-SE 100 Dist	58.26	61.00	-1.35	2.63
Gilt & Fxd Int	54.98	57.20	+0.12	7.24
-do- Accum	165.60	173.30	+0.30	7.24
High Yield	228.30	239.10	-2.30	5.93
-do- Accum	587.80	614.60	-5.90	5.93
Income	295.30	309.20	-3.40	3.93
-do- Accum	864.10	905.20	-11.40	3.93
Money Market UT	48.71	48.71	+0.05	5.49
-do- Accum	79.77	79.77	+0.08	5.49
Monthly Income	87.13	91.24†	-0.95	4.95
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	113.80	121.10	-2.50	1.62
European Growth	109.70	116.30	-0.69	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	91.17	96.65	+0.21	5.74
Income	90.43	96.20	-1.42	2.86

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Japan Growth	49.65	52.54	-0.81	...
Managed	73.17	77.84	-1.91	2.26
Money Market	92.10	93.51	+0.12	4.21
North American	97.28	103.60	-3.00	0.44
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	103.30	109.90	-2.30	1.61
European Growth	103.10	109.30	-0.59	0.61
Gilt & Fixed Int	89.44	91.70	+0.19	5.73
Income	88.70	94.38	-1.40	2.72
Japan Growth	48.45	52.42	-0.29	...
Managed	69.94	74.48	-1.63	2.28
Money Market	89.15	89.13	+0.16	4.17
North American	87.98	93.28	-2.61	0.52
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	103.00	109.60	-2.38	1.80
European Growth	100.78	106.70	-0.50	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	79.69	84.54	+0.16	5.84
Income	87.21	92.78	-1.40	2.72
Japan Growth	50.59	53.80	-0.39	..
Managed	73.36	78.04	-1.17	2.22
Money Market	77.49	82.14	+0.06	4.24
North American	98.26	104.20	-2.58	0.48
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	14.53	15.48	....	...
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 826 0826 Enquiries: 0171 826 0123				
American Gwth	407.10	432.70	-13.40	...
European Gth Inc	582.30	593.00	-20.40	..
-do- Accum	588.40	609.50	-20.70	..
Intl Gwth	202.10	214.90	-7.50	..
UK Equity Inc	202.80	213.20†	-4.37	3.01
UK Ind Trckr Inc	171.90	183.70	-4.30	2.73
-do- Accum	208.60	221.00	-5.20	2.73
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	231.60	246.80†	-7.40	1.12
Japan Tracker	69.10	73.17	-4.28	..
Asian Tracker	209.00	222.60†	-4.60	0.26
Managed Inc	167.50	178.70	-2.90	2.17
Deposit Inc	99.96	99.98†	+0.08	6.18
Europe	246.30	258.20	+3.80	..
Genesis	177.40	192.40	-0.59	1.67
High Income	21.20	22.46†	-0.14	10.80
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 993				
Income	95.15	101.40†	-1.59	2.52
Accum Inc	61.74	62.79†	-1.44	2.52
Aquarius Reserve	88.51	89.31†	+0.48	6.10
-do- Inc	72.54	73.28†	+0.39	6.10
American Growth	97.18	98.89	-1.24	..
Cash Income	90.02	89.82	+0.04	5.85
Equity Income #	97.54	100.29†	-2.80	4.85
European	73.70	75.25†	-0.85	0.57
Smaller Cos	85.18	89.27	-0.70	1.30
W'wide Eqy	86.54	86.19	-1.30	0.47
Global Bond	45.55	48.07	-0.02	6.49
UK Growth	100.40	103.80	-1.90	2.19
Pacific Growth	105.30	110.50	-2.78	0.60
Japan Growth	98.54	98.15	-4.45	...
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 610				
Avon Equity	130.47	138.80	-1.70	2.59
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0161 237 5322				
UK Growth	78.31	83.31	-1.78	2.18
UK Income	114.67	121.99	-2.24	3.94
Higher Income	217.55	231.44	-2.95	5.31
Smaller Cos	87.58	93.15†	-2.55	1.86
International	100.06	106.45†	-2.13	1.61
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4280				
American Dist	113.20	120.40	-4.70	0.39
European Dist	124.60	132.50	-2.60	0.20
Far East Dist	178.70	190.10	-6.10	..
Global Care Dist	78.18	83.17	-1.81	0.67
Opmx Dist	1051.80	1118.90†	-31.80	0.01
-do- Accum	1368.00	1458.20	-41.20	0.01
UK Dist	375.40	399.40	-7.60	2.45
-do- Accum	745.10	792.70	-15.20	2.45
UK Extra Inc Dist	84.07	89.44	-1.08	3.54
W'wide Dist	108.40	115.30†	-3.70	0.58
W'wide Inc Dist	74.84	79.62†	-1.20	2.29
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS				
Dlg: 01277 690 290 Admin Enq: 01277 690 390				
Europe Inc	67.01	70.72	-1.37	1.13
Fund of Funds Inc	61.72	65.14	-1.19	2.28
North America Inc	56.74	59.88	-4.14	..
UK Equity Grth Inc	62.43	65.88	-1.32	2.61
UK Equity Inc	65.56	69.19	-1.39	2.61
UK General Inc	80.56	84.34†	-1.22	2.86
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	46.85	49.45†	+0.21	7.32
UK Income Inc	60.36	63.74	-1.87	3.53
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0500 550 000 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American Tst	40.43	43.01†	-1.58	2.96
-do- Accum	40.75	43.35†	-1.59	2.96
Bond	121.20	128.93†	-0.59	5.85
Bridge Fund	91.18	97.00	.	2.28
Cash Income	51.02	51.02	+0.08	5.87
-do- Accum	66.27	66.27	+0.07	5.87
Distributor	97.70	103.94†	-0.91	3.34
European	45.83	48.99	-0.32	..
Foundation	98.76	105.13†	-2.24	2.36
General	201.44	214.36	-2.89	1.63
Global	331.16	352.30†	-16.46	0.19
Growth	130.90	139.26†	-4.75	2.61
Higher Income Inc	29.55	31.44†	-0.89	3.90
-do- Accum	34.54	36.75†	-0.88	3.90
Income	247.24	263.02†	-2.48	3.21
Intrepid	126.88	132.16†	-1.83	2.65
Japan	24.32	25.87	-1.04	..
Managed Tst Inc	50.43	53.93	-1.38	2.15
-do- Accum	53.75	57.46	-1.48	2.15
Oriental Inc	147.70	157.13	+1.82	0.23
-do- Accum	148.14	158.28	-7.98	0.23
Pers Intl Gth	31.54	33.55†	-0.73	0.43
Formerly Capital House				
Property Shares	33.71	36.05	...	0.64
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	79.89	84.14	-2.09	1.53
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
Managed	104.58	110.60	+0.10	2.31
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	128.28	136.84†	-2.86	1.41
UK Equity	149.35	158.16	-2.35	3.18
UK Equity Income	138.77	147.13	-2.58	3.49
UK Smaller Cos	125.55	132.16	-0.80	1.81
UK Equity Growth	139.75	147.90†	-2.44	2.19
UK Index Trckg	150.76	158.69	-2.45	3.48
Intl Index Trckg	150.96	158.91†	-5.47	1.11
International	245.93	258.87†	-7.40	0.57
European	213.86	225.22	-3.95	0.33
Pan European	144.88	152.50	-2.19	1.34
Nth American	196.93	207.29	-7.00	0.24
N Amer Smlr Cos	212.46	223.66	-7.98	..
Japanese	86.61	91.38	-4.91	..
Pacific	226.57	238.92	-6.19	0.59
South East Asian	257.07	270.60†	-5.41	0.73
Intl Bond	140.10	147.47	+0.25	4.61
Gilt & Convertible	105.57	111.13	+0.23	6.80
Property	78.89	82.95	-0.18	6.79
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	250.50	272.50	-6.00	0.42
-do- Accum	262.70	285.30	-6.40	0.42
Japan Inc	86.93	100.30†	-4.40	..
Nth American Inc	112.40	120.50	-5.60	0.32
Worldwide Inc	161.40	173.30†	-5.70	0.39
Hong Kong Inc	144.90	155.60	-4.50	1.84
Swiss Equities Inc	82.17	87.78	-0.56	0.17
Worldwide Bond Inc	84.37	88.55†	-0.04	5.21
Emerging Asia Inc	209.60	225.20	-2.50	0.14
-do- Accum	207.60	226.00	-2.80	0.14
UK Money Mkt Inc	59.56	59.56	+0.05	6.34
Thailand Inc	161.80	176.00	-3.20	1.30
Gold Trust Inc	70.94	77.71	-2.48	0.19
New Zealand Inc	95.85	102.60†	-0.90	1.84
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	83.87	89.58	-1.85	1.49
Latin Am Comp Inc	53.50	56.80	-4.73	0.33
UK All Sh Mkt Inc	63.26	67.84	-1.44	2.54
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	81.23	86.88	-1.51	...
Global Portfolio	73.14	78.22	-1.55	...
Global Opps	65.37	70.08	-0.23	...
Marsh Global Grth	63.70	67.55	-1.96	...
A&H Global Equity	55.24	58.55	+0.07	2.13
CAM Bal Gwth Inc	99.87	106.40	-1.50	...
Temple Equity Inc	44.58	48.62	-1.15	2.33
Harley Growth	90.44	96.21	-0.62	...
Intl Growth Inc	89.13	95.33†	-0.57	1.81
IPS Portfolio Inc	87.17	93.23	-1.58	...
St Jms Mix Inc Inc	47.38	49.23	..	
Premier Portfolio Inc	67.96	72.68	-0.65	1.88
Rosebeigh Strat Gth	73.97	79.11	-0.62	0.47
Staler Gwth	109.59	116.90†	-2.70	...
Roseberry Growth	50.77	54.69	-0.75	0.56
International Strat	79.03	84.52	-1.69	...
UFC Ind-Act Gth	57.42	61.95	-1.10	...
Coverdale Topeal	51.67	55.15	-0.71	...
Prism Equity Inc	110.00	118.90	-2.10	...
Lowes Intl Growth	48.62	51.18	-0.98	...
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 636 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	253.60	268.82	-6.20	2.88
-do- Accum	542.30	576.80	-13.50	2.88
Growth	164.70	173.20	-3.80	2.85
Income	246.40	262.00†	-5.70	3.75
Intl Equity	258.10	274.50†	-7.00	0.79
-do- Accum	287.30	305.60	-7.80	0.79
UK Income	68.67	73.05	-1.57	3.23
UK Inv 25	64.09	68.96	-2.11	2.14
New Europe	85.89	91.36	-0.54	0.98
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	618.72	661.74†	-17.91	0.55
-do- Accum	628.35	663.49	-17.97	0.55
Income	395.11	422.58†	-5.20	3.88
W'wide Recovery	402.74	431.81	-13.83	0.45
Amer Growth Inc	245.34	262.40	-7.96	0.01
-do- Accum	245.34	262.40	-7.96	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	247.86	265.09	-8.29	0.30
Far East Gth Inc	278.29	297.64	-8.96	0.39
-do- Accum	278.29	297.64	-8.96	0.39
Euro Gwth Inc	159.24	170.32	-3.60	0.19
-do- Accum	158.84	169.89	-4.49	0.19
UK Growth Inc	101.43	108.48	-1.64	2.62
-do- Accum	106.70	114.12	-1.73	2.62
High Income	105.19	112.51	-1.09	3.92
Jap Gwth Inc	198.25	211.03	-9.75	0.01
-do- Accum	198.25	211.03	-9.75	0.01
PEP Growth	126.98	135.72	-4.47	0.85
Asian Smlr Mkts Inc	125.87	134.63	-2.94	0.26
-do- Accum	125.87	134.63	-2.94	0.26
Amer Smlr Cos Inc	158.31	169.32	-5.70	0.01
-do- Accum	158.31	169.32	-5.70	0.01
Global Bond	56.02	59.40†	-0.25	5.60
UK Smaller Cos Inc	91.13	97.47	-0.48	1.71
-do- Accum	95.86	102.55	-0.51	1.71
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 201 3927				
American	114.69	122.01	-3.10	...
European	78.58	84.65	-1.98	...
Global	64.51	68.85	-0.71	...
Pacific	58.08	61.79†	-1.88	...
UK Inc & Gth	69.62	74.20†	-0.52	2.24
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Fund of Funds	174.94	185.12	-2.19	0.84
Emerg Mkts	43.45	46.51	-2.62	1.12
High Income #	52.68	55.73†	+0.01	5.63
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01444 458 721				
Monthly Income	68.05	72.13	-0.68	2.49
Growth Income	71.55	75.84	-0.42	2.32
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	153.90	162.77	-1.94	1.94
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	102.50	109.00	-2.18	3.54
Conv & Gilt	113.50	120.70	+0.09	6.00
European Portfolio	75.18	79.58†	-0.74	0.84
Extra Income	163.00	173.40†	-2.90	4.35
-do- Accum	283.20	298.90	-3.97	4.38
Far East	378.80	404.00†	-10.00	0.28
-do- Accum	386.30	413.50	-10.10	0.28
Global Income	28.84	30.57	-0.23	4.95
High Income	123.70	130.90†	-3.46	4.13
-do- Accum	132.20	140.80	-4.70	4.13
International	153.40	163.90†	-5.70	0.76
-do- Accum	200.10	212.90	-6.20	0.76
Prf & Extr Inf	42.78	45.51†	+0.29	7.41
Recovery	76.24	80.04	-1.62	2.64

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Special Sits	119.80	127.40	-1.50	1.63
-do- Accum	130.40	138.80	-1.66	1.63
Technology	589.50	627.70	-25.49	..
UK Blue Chip	75.42	80.23	-1.54	3.21
-do- Accum	86.07	91.56	-2.22	3.21
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 3863				
Equity Gth	212.40	226.00	-2.40	1.36
European Gth	108.90	115.70	..	0.69
Income & Gth #	145.12	154.40	-1.98	3.21
Japan Gth	110.50	117.60	-3.10	..
Nth Amer Gth	171.20	182.10	-5.00	0.09
Overseas Gth	104.60	111.30	-1.80	0.23
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4480				
Managed Tst	38.84	41.29	-0.83	1.81
Cash Haven Inc	101.74	102.24	+0.09	5.62
Cash Haven Acc	114.84	115.10	+0.09	5.62
Dist Trust Inc	98.83	103.45†	-0.76	6.47
Dist Trust Acc	107.40	111.29†	-0.10	6.47
Global Growth	93.92	99.91	-2.92	1.50
Equity Inc	85.68	90.51	-1.70	3.24
Equity	783.82	833.63†	-18.83	2.27
European	228.37	234.38	-5.23	0.78
High Income	89.83	95.53†	-0.82	5.06
Intl Gth	195.43	207.89	-5.57	0.91
Intl Sm Co	84.02	89.39†	-2.49	0.49
Japanese	199.60	206.93†	-2.48	..
Nth Amer	198.25	205.45	-6.17	1.50
Pacific Mkts	105.95	111.97	-2.72	0.28
Premier Inc	47.78	49.72†	+0.19	6.86
Sm Cos	99.47	105.81	-1.86	1.44
Spec Sits	115.27	123.69	-2.38	2.62
UK Growth	132.20	140.63	-2.89	2.20
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	313.70	332.70†	-3.40	3.16
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000				
FA America (Inc)	589.37	603.53	-26.17	0.49
FA America (Acc)	685.29	728.59	-28.44	0.49
FA UK Equity Inc	167.30	178.20	-4.53	3.49
FA Japan	232.15	246.85	-11.44	..
FA Mdlr UK Cos	102.77	109.53	-2.30	2.33
FA Smlr UK Cos	338.04	354.73†	+0.82	1.28
FA European	348.61	372.79	-5.69	0.46
FA Amer Smlr Cos	53.19	56.70	-1.63	..
FA Asia	48.26	53.03	-1.92	...
FA Jap Smlr Cos	40.60	43.71	-1.63	...
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	106.42	112.01	-2.36	...
UK Smlr Cos	95.18	100.18	+0.22	...
UK Income	103.56	109.35	-2.76	...
America	118.04	124.24	-5.07	...
Japanese	51.22	53.91	-2.49	...
European	112.40	118.31	-1.81	...
Gilt	92.83	97.71	+0.62	...
Deposit	86.60	91.16	+0.08	...
Managed	104.92	110.43	-0.80	...
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	103.51	108.95	-2.30	...
UK Smaller Cos	92.36	97.74	+0.22	...
UK Income	101.25	106.57	-2.72	...
America	114.76	120.79	-4.88	...
Japanese	49.79	52.40	-2.45	...
European	109.38	115.13	-1.77	...
Gilt	91.45	96.28	+0.69	...
Deposit	82.65	87.03	+0.09	...
Managed	98.19	103.25	-2.13	...
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	95.31	101.70	-3.20	...
Pacific Basin	79.81	79.20†	-2.65	...
High Inc Dist	141.80	151.70	-2.90	4.30
Ryl Life Intl Chsy	58.52	63.09	-0.16	2.05
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	69.59	74.35	-1.93	...
Ryl Life Intl Spec	64.82	68.95	-2.89	...
UK Emerging Cos	138.80	147.69	-0.70	1.64
UK Inter Trckg	180.39	192.00	-2.88	2.17
European	142.90	153.50†	-2.50	...
Managed	159.50	171.50	-3.10	0.99
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	161.10	171.30	-4.60	1.91
European Growth	118.60	126.30	-1.59	2.47
Far East Growth	136.99	144.70	-2.40	2.07
Japan Growth	124.00	131.80†	-3.90	..
Special Sits	223.00	237.20†	-2.60	1.14
UK Growth	85.61	91.28	-1.97	2.19
Triton General	250.90	267.60†	-5.96	1.26
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 8380				
Far East Inc	157.30	169.70	-5.20	0.13
Gr Euro Prog Inc	346.10	365.20	-7.90	0.13
-do- Accum	538.80	568.30	-12.30	0.13
Growth Inc	146.10	148.30	-3.48	0.21
-do- Accum	143.60	152.00	-3.60	0.21
International Inc	368.20	379.00	-8.80	0.33
-do- Accum	493.80	522.50	-12.10	0.33
Nth Am & Intl Inc	352.50	373.00	-16.70	0.48
UK Gen Prog Inc	233.70	247.50	-8.10	1.24
-do- Accum	263.00	278.30	-8.60	1.24
UK High Inc Inc	137.70	145.70	-3.30	3.76
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
American Gwth	72.45	77.02	-2.79	...
Aflgn Gwth	110.62	117.67	-3.27	0.75
European Gwth	75.19	79.99	-1.50	1.00
Global Bd	59.78	63.23†	-0.18	5.00
Global Eq	60.52	64.38	-2.05	0.50
Japan Sm Cos	54.94	58.44	-2.13	...
UK Gwth	72.05	76.64	-1.18	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	78.37	83.97†	-2.19	3.56
Amer Smlr Cos	130.00	139.30	-5.00	..
Asian Smaller Cos	41.77	44.44	-1.05	..
Capital Portfolio	133.60	142.30	-2.50	1.82
Cash	120.90	120.90	+0.10	6.65
China Dragon	58.49	62.22	-1.80	1.57
Commodity	118.80	126.40	-5.20	..
Eastern Discovery	98.32	104.60	-1.89	..
Emerging Mkts	37.95	40.43	-1.35	..
Energy Ind	125.50	133.50	-4.70	0.16
European Gwth	197.50	210.10	-3.90	0.12
Euro Inc & Gwth #	81.35	86.75	-0.68	1.96
Euro Smlr Cos	59.58	63.38	-0.74	0.05
Extra Income #	52.62	56.49	-0.44	5.64
Financial Secs	236.30	250.50	-11.30	1.82
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc #	48.98	50.78†	+0.28	8.86
Gold & Exploration	76.66	81.77	-4.80	..
High Return #	236.30	253.50	-5.00	3.95
High Yield #	238.10	253.90†	-4.70	3.63
Income #	123.40	131.50	-2.30	4.28
Intl Bond	165.40	177.80†	-0.70	5.56
ITD	212.80	227.40†	-7.80	1.87
Japan Growth	160.60	170.80†	-7.80	..
Japan Smaller	167.10	177.20	-4.80	..
Korea	68.06	72.45†	+0.12	..
Managed	57.40	61.05	-1.28	0.89
Scotbits	357.30	380.30	-16.40	1.88
Scotshares #	317.50	338.20	-5.40	2.21
Scotyields #	252.90	268.00	-5.40	3.69
Select Intl	140.60	149.60†	-5.40	0.16
Smaller Cos Inc #	254.30	270.30†	-2.40	3.45
SE Asia	50.32	53.53	-0.80	0.23
Special Situation	139.50	148.40	-1.80	1.94
UK Equity #	265.20	282.20	-3.00	2.47
UK Growth	71.35	75.88	-3.18	1.84
UK & O'seas	176.40	187.70	-3.80	1.14
UK Smlr Cos Gwth	55.84	58.43	-0.41	1.46
US Growth	171.70	182.70	-6.30	0.14
Unity Growth	141.30	150.10	-4.50	0.42
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlot: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	284.09	301.40	-9.25	0.57
-do- Accum	319.99	330.08	-10.11	0.57
European Gwth	79.58	84.54	-1.55	0.86
Euro Smlr Cos	87.99	93.85	-1.53	0.50
Far Eastern Gth	99.59	105.16	-2.69	...
-do- Accum	100.87	107.05	-2.73	...
Gilt & Fixed Int #	50.88	59.26†	+0.20	7.91
Global Bond #	52.20	53.55	-0.12	8.98
-do- Accum #	58.22	60.88	-0.14	8.98
Global Emer Mkts	50.55	53.92†	-1.98	...
-do- Accum	50.80	53.97†	-1.98	...
Income #	367.52	392.82	-6.36	5.09
-do- Accum #	611.96	812.74	-20.50	5.09
Japan Smlr Cos	428.08	453.41	-14.34	...
-do- Accum	428.93	454.32	-14.37	...
Japan Enterprise	66.21	70.82†	-2.78	...
Pacific Gwth	136.36	144.31	-3.21	0.37
-do- Accum	139.86	148.97	-3.31	0.37
Portfolio	85.51	91.21	-1.65	1.97
-do- Accum	93.50	99.73	-1.80	1.97
Seoul	32.19	35.88	+0.59	...
-do- Accum	32.19	35.88	+0.59	...
Smaller Cos	248.94	262.39	+0.13	1.25
Tokyo	115.91	123.65†	-4.88	...
-do- Accum	117.08	124.87†	-4.95	...
UK Enterprise	293.80	312.32	-5.80	2.08
-do- Accum	353.84	377.42	-6.77	2.03
UK Equity	262.07	279.54	-4.75	2.80
-do- Accum	518.13	550.53	-9.26	2.80
US Smlr Cos	190.65	203.35	-7.66	...
-do- Accum	190.65	203.35	-7.86	...
Institutional Funds				
European	252.72	262.97	-4.65	1.40
-do- Accum	282.73	294.86	-5.21	1.40
Euro Smlr Cos	30.92	32.28	-0.33	1.46
-do- Accum	32.85	34.21	-0.36	1.46
Global Equity Inc	80.64	84.00†	-2.75	1.08
Japan Smlr Cos	35.01	36.48	-0.82	0.19
-do- Accum	35.31	36.77	-0.83	0.19
Mngd Balanced	203.28	211.71	-3.63	2.65
-do- Accum	232.05	241.71	-4.15	2.65
Overseas Equity	197.83	206.17	-5.48	1.09
-do- Accum	205.62	214.78	-5.67	1.09
Comm Smlr Cos	127.71	133.03	-2.65	0.94
-do- Accum	133.05	138.46†	-2.57	0.94
Pacific	240.28	250.68†	-5.92	1.47
-do- Accum	274.27	285.78†	-6.53	1.47
Recovery	219.89	229.06	-38.57	3.03
-do- Accum	1212.1	1222.9	-39.28	3.03
UK Index	168.28	175.29	-4.95	3.40
-do- Accum	207.74	216.98	-5.80	3.40
UK Small Cos	122.69	127.76	-0.96	2.99
-do- Accum	133.02	138.56	-1.84	2.97
US Smlr Cos	55.85	58.16†	-2.75	0.51
-do- Accum	55.99	57.30†	-2.30	0.51
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2260				
Equity Income	54.84	57.76	-1.02	2.76
Equity Trust	67.75	71.65	-1.18	3.01
Equity Strategy	80.15	84.78	-1.66	1.64
European Opps	95.05	100.52	-0.73	4.35
UK Smaller Cos	71.99	76.52	+0.06	1.37
Mediterr Inc	95.11	101.88	+0.12	6.80
Japanese	71.72	75.84	-3.79	...
Asia Pacific	129.22	130.30	-2.53	3.25
American	113.56	120.80	-5.26	0.67
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	31.94	31.94	+0.03	6.224
UK General Inc	85.65	88.58	-1.24	2.64
-do- Accum	73.40	78.27	-1.80	2.64
Intl Income	269.60	287.80†	-7.60	1.59
-do- Accum	470.40	501.70†	-13.20	1.59
European	85.48	90.46	-1.60	1.70
Japan	63.45	67.25	-2.86	0.14
American	78.55	83.25	-2.20	2.01
Far East	85.63	91.55	-1.54	1.17
Ethical Inc	32.87	35.15	-0.36	2.22
UK Blue Chip Inc	36.25	38.75	-0.89	2.01
High Inc Inc	37.95	40.48	-0.83	3.84
UK Global Inc	42.46	45.39	-1.19	1.78
Mobile Tact	72.48	77.46†	-1.34	1.32
Europe 2000 Tst	57.56	61.17	-0.94	1.45
Technology	132.72	141.35†	-3.78	1.04
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	420.70	448.80	-6.60	2.82
American	297.30	313.70	-9.50	0.51
Pacific	376.00	402.10	-18.00	0.51
European	579.80	620.10	-12.70	1.30
Worldwide	91.81	97.31	-2.81	0.70
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	292.70	312.67	-5.80	2.25
-do- Accum	375.60	399.56	-7.58	2.25
UK Str Co Eq Inc	223.80	240.10	-1.80	1.91
-do- Accum	273.60	291.40	-2.00	1.91
Select Oppty Inc	76.38	81.70†	-1.87	2.01
Income Plus Inc	77.42	82.37†	-2.78	3.61
European Inc	360.50	384.00†	-8.20	1.30
-do- Accum	411.20	437.80†	-8.80	1.30
Far Eastern Inc	122.90	134.00†	-4.10	0.91
-do- Accum	198.54	211.00†	-4.00	0.91
Japanese Inc	57.46	61.13†	-2.84	...
Nth American Inc	288.40	306.70†	-8.50	0.64
-do- Accum	287.50	312.00†	-11.00	0.64

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Intl Growth Inc	207.99	221.20	-6.80	0.83
Worlds Ventures Inc	92.02	97.28†	-2.96	0.89
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 655 3724				
Equity Inc	398.70	423.00	-5.70	2.55
-do- Accum	595.80	635.40	-8.50	2.55
UK High Inc	181.90	204.80	-2.80	3.51
-do- Accum	367.60	386.70	-4.20	3.51
Europe Inc	418.70	444.40	-6.50	0.46
Nth Amer Inc	259.70	287.40	-12.20	...
Global Inc	229.45	244.70	-8.10	0.27
Global Acc	247.20	263.60	-8.70	0.27
UK Spec Sits Inc	166.87	177.50	-1.40	3.09
South East Asia	221.90	236.70	-5.50	0.41
Cash Trust Inc	101.89	101.88	+0.10	5.99
UK Smll Cos Inc	112.90	120.49	-0.99	2.84
-do- Accum	116.20	124.00	-0.90	2.84
Intl Bond Inc	95.67	101.50	-0.49	5.65
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	146.60	154.90	-2.50	4.33
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	137.20	144.40	-2.40	0.94
Nth American	120.90	127.20	-4.30	0.22
Intl Bond & Conv	127.40	134.10	+0.50	8.64
Pocket Pension (1)	208.00	229.70	+2.30	10.40
Smaller Cos	92.04	98.88	-1.01	1.13
UK General	145.80	153.00	-3.00	2.04
Far Eastern	93.63	98.58†	-2.84	...
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 8225				
Amer Gilt Fund ‡	117.47	... ‡	-2.58	..
Asian ‡	84.43	... ‡	-1.46	..
European ‡	139.47	... ‡	-0.35	0.23
Global Bond ‡	83.74	... ‡	+1.33	8.43
Investment Trust ‡	102.82	... ‡	-2.29	2.06
Preferred Income ‡	98.85	... ‡	-0.56	6.42
Summit ‡	53.74	... ‡	-0.26	..
Sterling Reserve ‡	100.21	... ‡	+0.07	6.00
UK Growth ‡	105.84	... ‡	-0.79	2.35
Tal Pan ‡	98.01	... ‡	-1.43	..
UK Emrg Leaders ‡	103.47	... ‡	-0.49	2.87
UK Equity Inc ‡	102.51	... ‡	-0.50	5.85
Glob Emis PEP	67.74	72.06	-2.25	..
Prtd Inc PEP #	87.70	100.70†	-0.60	4.98
Inv Trust PEP	50.43	53.64	-1.11	...
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
Australia	375.60	398.70	-13.90	..
Canadian	65.33	69.12	-4.56	0.56
Capital	130.30	142.80	-2.20	1.65
Cash	100.52	100.52†	+0.08	5.99
European	143.80	152.20	-2.50	0.84
Far Eastern	159.59	169.80	-2.80	..
Growth	146.30	154.80	-2.88	1.44
Income	134.00	142.60	-1.20	4.96
Magnum	143.80	153.00	-2.30	1.61
Smlr Secs	438.00	464.50†	-1.00	0.81
Throgmorton	166.80	178.60†	-2.00	1.36
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 298 422				
Capital Reliance	53.99	57.74	-0.18	0.00
Ethical	66.36	71.28†	-0.35	2.80
European Growth	73.74	78.45	-1.64	3.20
Income	57.30	60.61	-0.76	5.70
Intl Growth	98.91	105.50	-2.40	3.20
Managed	84.43	90.06	-1.77	4.00
UK Growth	69.24	73.37	-1.15	3.20
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	42.79	45.61	-0.67	2.24
Global Advtg Acc	43.15	46.35	-0.72	2.24
Income Advtg Inc	32.77	33.94†	-0.46	5.46
Income Advtg Acc	36.09	38.29	-0.52	5.46
UK Equity Gth Acc	78.55	84.34	-1.02	0.73
Premier Inc Inc	48.30	50.84	+0.31	7.79
Premier Inc Acc	48.39	50.84	+0.32	7.79
Managed Acc	55.79	59.14	-0.89	1.95
UK Eq HI Inc Inc	38.43	40.74†	-0.65	3.90
UK Eq HI Inc Acc	49.21	52.17	-0.83	3.90
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	69.56	73.26	-1.13	2.65
UK Equity Gen Inc	50.36	53.50†	-0.82	2.65
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	30.88	32.54†	+0.23	6.67
Gwnn Lng Co Acc	331.70	360.00	-7.16	1.72
Nth American Acc	51.29	54.50	-1.55	0.16
Far East Acc	69.75	74.19	-1.28	0.41
European Acc	55.60	59.08	-0.76	0.87
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7800				
Global A (US$)	4.104	4.354	-0.03	1.05
US Eqs (US$)	2.851	3.026	-0.05	1.05
Far East Eqty (yen)	248.40	264.80	+7.20	..
FT Europe	138.70	147.30	-1.80	1.32
FT N Amer (US$)	2.194	2.324	-0.01	0.47
FT Japan (yen)	207.70	220.60	-0.20	..
FT Asia Ex-Jap (US$)	2.678	2.780	-0.02	0.00
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	428.90	448.80	-17.10	..
British #	1144.00	1211.00†	-14.70	3.11
Emerging Mkts	132.90	141.50	-4.10	0.46
European	579.20	614.20†	-5.60	0.52
Japan	134.50	142.60	-5.40	..
New Pacific	389.50	413.90	-8.30	1.56
-do- Accum	414.20	440.20	-5.70	1.56
Inv Trust Acc	279.40	296.60	-5.60	0.63
Mngd Equity	184.00	195.50	-2.80	1.89
Mngd Cash	95.70	95.70	+0.08	6.89
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 300				
Equity	920.50	984.50	-26.50	2.66
North America	150.70	161.20	-4.40	0.64
Far East	148.30	159.60	-2.70	0.11
W'wide Bond	59.59	62.22†	+0.04	5.13
European	109.30	116.50†	-2.30	1.67
Equity Income #	97.36	104.60	-1.90	5.28
Portfolio	89.99	96.07	-2.03	2.34
UK Lending Cos	67.26	71.76	-1.04	3.06
Higher Trusts				
Intl Equity	69.43	74.28	-1.25	..
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 526 765				
Advance UT	22.24	23.69†	-0.39	0.75
European	42.80	44.69†	-0.81	0.61
High Income	33.84	36.00†	-0.18	4.25
Japan	34.29	36.39†	-1.07	0.01
Managed Accum	132.48	141.70	-1.43	2.57
North American	36.57	38.91†	-0.96	0.67
Smlr Co's Inc	32.02	34.07	-0.57	2.21
Smlr Co's Acc	34.32	36.52†	-0.60	2.21
UK Growth Inc	63.84	68.88	-0.54	2.73
UK Growth Acc	65.86	70.18†	-0.59	2.73
UK Income	43.47	46.50	-0.52	3.17
Worldwide Gth	38.85	39.42	-0.79	0.60
Confederation				
Canadian Genl	56.45	60.28	-2.56	2.06
European Genl	87.59	90.30	-0.47	1.91
Pacific Genl	58.04	60.86†	-1.39	0.97
US Genl	80.67	86.32†	-1.85	1.87
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	52.98	55.01†	-1.52	..
Cap Protector Inc	42.19	44.80†	-0.43	2.81
UK Income Inc	53.65	57.28	-0.66	3.24
Mngd Extra Inc Inc #	35.56	36.78†	-0.55	5.14
Mngd High Yld Inc	30.22	31.53†	-0.66	4.43
Mngd Intl Inc	79.12	84.66	-1.35	3.32
UK Smaller Cos	36.34	36.69†	-0.35	1.71
Pacific Grth Fee	47.48	50.50	-1.11	0.70
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 346 794				
American	247.84	262.27	-10.79	...
-do- Accum	272.58	288.87	-11.88	...
Brit Growth	105.19	111.31†	-2.41	2.06
-do- Accum	128.91	136.41†	-2.96	2.06
European	108.80	116.19	-2.38	...
-do- Accum	116.88	123.69	-8.15	...
Extra Income	198.56	208.44	-4.83	4.10
-do- Accum	347.12	367.32	-8.51	4.10
Smaller Cos	78.93	83.53	-1.68	1.06
-do- Accum	89.72	94.94	-0.77	1.06
General	313.17	331.84	-7.82	2.23
-do- Accum	655.80	694.17	-14.83	2.23
Premier Income	49.99	52.07†	-0.47	7.11
-do- Accum	118.02	124.88†	+0.80	7.11
Income	346.78	365.87	-8.12	3.57
-do- Accum	774.02	819.07	-20.52	3.57
Pacific	402.53	425.95	-10.71	...
-do- Accum	422.85	447.57	-11.25	...
International	387.83	410.67†	-11.11	...
-do- Accum	747.87	791.40†	-25.19	...
Nat Resources	149.50	160.31†	-4.19	...
Skill Opps	118.87	125.79†	-3.20	1.53
-do- Accum	153.73	162.69†	-4.14	1.53
Environmental Inv	68.15	72.12	-1.85	1.38
Selector	66.52	70.39†	-2.27	1.77
-do- Accum	76.45	80.90†	-1.77	1.77
High Income	65.99	69.74	-1.32	4.48
-do- Accum	85.93	90.99	-1.72	4.48
Intl Income	80.97	84.52†	-0.48	5.13
-do- Accum	78.86	82.82†	-0.81	5.13
Selector Income	82.50	88.14†	-0.80	4.39
-do- Accum	76.43	80.89†	-1.13	4.39
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
0181 657 1013				
British	358.76	377.67	-7.86	2.81
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	218.83	231.58	-5.07	2.13
Glob Select Inc	180.83	192.07†	-4.43	3.08
Value Tst Inc	127.82	136.81	-4.58	2.17
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	43.91	45.72	+0.38	7.00
European Growth	285.60	299.85	-7.43	0.40
Exempt	570.50	604.80†	-11.58	2.80
Global Em Mkts	78.34	83.03†	-2.84	0.40
Japan Tst	78.21	81.89	-3.48	...
Little Dragons	88.66	94.16	-1.58	...
Nth Amer Gwth	258.52	265.69	-8.13	0.68
Oriental Income #	44.95	47.02†	-0.99	2.40
Preference	124.59	130.97†	-0.80	9.08
Tiger	277.34	296.48	-8.22	...
UK Blue Chip	68.01	71.21	-2.38	1.90
UK Growth	381.33	397.70†	-12.30	2.20
UK High Yield #	108.22	111.22†	-2.58	4.50
UK Mid-Cap	209.70	222.47†	-5.21	0.80
UK Smlr Cos	113.12	118.45	-0.72	1.90
UK Smlr Cos Div #	87.28	91.59	-0.96	5.39
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD				
01277 690 395				
UK Equity Income	105.23	109.82	-1.73	3.51
UK Equity Growth	91.68	97.53†	-1.56	2.05
European	69.66	74.13†	-1.80	1.51
Nth American	75.15	80.09	-2.47	0.69
Far Eastern	69.72	74.22	-2.23	0.97
Money	60.00	60.01	+0.05	5.45
Fixed Interest	75.21	80.01	+0.14	6.92
Index Linked Gilt	69.14	73.55	+0.11	1.97
VIRGIN DIRECT PFS LTD				
0345 959595				
Income Trust	100.95	100.95	+0.02	7.41
UK Index Tracking @	115.91	115.91†	-1.64	2.67
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0131 225 1551				
Australian Gold	24.54	25.88	-0.62	..
Pacific Basin	44.27	46.58	-0.92	..
Global Bond (US$)	0.6119	0.6458	+0.007	..
Penny Share	42.38	44.87	-2.89	
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 2444				
Challenger	95.05	100.00	..	2.99
Short Dtd Gilt	118.50	120.10	+0.09	..
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.7623	0.7723	+0.00	..
Gilt Income	90.96	[illegible]	+0.70	7.20
Gilt Growth	73.50	76.49	+0.25	..
Sterling Bond	48.46	[illegible]	+0.05	7.20
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 298 4000				
Intl Mgd	49.54	[illegible]	-1.04	[illegible]
UK Stockmarket	86.66	[illegible]	-1.66	2.43

Source: Finstat.

- Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Rate). † Ex-dividend. ‡ Middle prices. [illegible] # Periodic Charge deducted from capital. [illegible] Charge.

A dull end to the week

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on *the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and* price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
2695½	2137½	ABN-AMRO	2840½	-18½	4.9	9.7
677½	413	Abbey Nat	534	-2	4.5	10.2
330	259	Allied Irish	319	-4	4.5	9.3
288	199	Aus New Z	282	-9	5.3	7.9
4075	2531½	Bank America	3862½	-137½	..	
270½	191½	Bank Scotland	261	-3	3.1	11.1
778	557½	Barclays	737	...	3.8	10.0
426	288	Bk of Ireland	419	-4	3.8	8.4
525	418	Cater Allen	473	-7	7.7	7.1
4802½	2450	Citicorp	4012½	-100	..	
340½	216½	Close Bros	316	..	3.4	
£162½	£129½	Commerzbk	£151¼	+£3¾	3.6	
1375	983½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1058½	-34½	0.6	
3231½	2775	Deutsche Bk	2859½	-31½	2.5	
881½	612½	Espirito Santo	712½	-3½	11.6	
1811	1138½	Fuji Bank Y	1138½	-48½	0.5	
490	395	Gerrard Nat	443	-5	6.3	14.3
253	180	Hambros	200	-4	4.7	58.4
985	588	HSBC	927	-11	3.8	12.1
947	578	HSBC HK	912	-12	3.9	11.6
386	228	Irish Perm	359	-1	3.6	7.7
463	353	Joseph (L)	423	...	5.2	25.6
145	85	King Shaxson	115	-4	9.8	8.9
782½	530	Lloyds	769	-1	4.4	11.6
602	479	Nat Aust Bk	588	-13	7.6	8.4
889	454	Nat West	627	-10	4.5	9.7
3800	2150	Ottoman Bank	2500	...	6.6	3.4
67	44	Rea Brothers	45	...	2.8	18.0
589½	379½	Royal Bk Scot	510	-9	3.5	12.3
1478	806½	Schroders	1295	-38	1.4	18.4
1180	823½	Schroders NV	1070	-5	1.7	15.2
110	81	Singer & Friedl	106	...	4.4	11.0
529½	246	Stand Chart	500	...	2.2	12.6
377	217	TSB	370	+2	3.2	15.5
121	70	Union	105	...	3.6	
£145½	£94¾	Wells Fargo	£129½	-181¼	2.2	
268½	211	Westpac	258	-5½	2.2	
295	200	Wintrust	295	...	4.8	16.9

BREWERIES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
231	143	Ascot Hldgs	208	-2	...	9.4
689	487	Bass	657	+4	4.1	15.6
412	290	Boddington	401	...	2.8	20.6
192	137	Budgens Brw	186	...	3.6	17.3
186	137	Eldridge P 'A'	174	...	3.1	21.1
61	51	Fosters Brewing	59	...	5.1	
438	335	Fuller Sm 'A'	407	-1	2.8	17.4
527	402	Greenalls Gp	481	...	3.5	13.9
658	488	Greene King	638	-3	2.7	17.1
284	248	Hardy Hanson	276	...	4.4	12.9
160	130	Heineken	155	...	4.5	10.9
3425	3048	Holt JT	3143	...	2.1	16.8
347	219	Mansfield	328	-1	2.0	17.3
321	266	Marston Thmp	304	...	2.7	15.2
543	301½	Morland	529	-6	2.6	15.9
8¾	8¼	Panamalt	8¾	...	4.2	
605	307	Regent Inns	568	-13	1.6	22.4
2143½	1287½	SA Breweries	2143½	...	1.6	29.3
624	482	Scot & New	583	-1	3.9	15.7
337	228	Scot & New P/P	330	...		
309	211	Vaux Group	256	-2	4.9	14.5
837	448	Wetherspoon JD	831	...	1.6	
647	521	Whitbread	608	+1	4.1	15.8
565	483	Wolverhampton D	524	-2	3.4	13.5
290	189	Yates Bros	270	-1	1.4	27.1
475	425	Young 'A'	455	-1	4.1	20.4

DISTRIBUTORS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
112½	88½	ABI Leis	100	...	5.2	11.5
595	535	Allen & Harvey	550	...	4.0	6.5
21	14	Alexanders	14	...	6.2	23.8
113	88	Appleyard	103	...	7.1	11.5
4¾	3¼	Ass Br Eng	3¾	...	2.1	28.5
623	518	BSS Group	577	-2	4.2	16.6
48	29	Bann	36			
24½	16	Brasway Power	16	-1	7.8	7.9
28	18	Bogod 'A'	26	...	3.4	9.3
483	345	Bunzl	462	...	3.7	17.8
21	10½	Bridgend Gp	17	...	1.5	
88	78	Bob Fleming	87	...	4.6	19.2
270	215	Caffyns	253	...	5.7	18.0
88	54	Cardinal Mtr	68	...	5.1	18.5
60	35	Cook (DC)	57½	...	3.3	8.4
329½	228	Cowie	286	-3	4.0	12.8
155	125	Dagenham Motors	136	-2	6.6	11.2
598	513	Davenport E	514	...	1.9	11.3
501	408	Dixons	433	+5	4.0	14.2
332½	236	Electrocomponents	314	+4	2.2	22.9
247	153	Euroelec Elec	238	-1	2.2	16.5
235	122½	Eurotalk	122½	-1½	8.0	7.4
320	97	European Mtr	105	-2	6.0	8.0
440	364	Evans Halshaw	391	-12	5.0	12.1
695	512	Fenwick Electr	685	+1	1.8	19.3
72	48	Fife Indmar	65	...	6.2	10.8
24½	15	Gestetner	20	...	5.0	9.0
30	16	Glencroft	29	...	1.3	
108	81	Goodwood	86	...	3.3	14.1
178	149	Harris (Philip)	162	-3	5.5	11.2
189	149	Headlam	186	...	2.8	16.3
554	258	Henlys	533	+5	2.4	19.1
121	81	Holders Tech	121	...	6.2	23.0
158	88	ISA Intl	148	...	1.4	16.1
430	274	Inchcape	310	-3	6.0	28.1
66	53	Jacks (Wm)	61	...	1.5	11.6
187	142	Kwik-Fit	180	-3	3.2	15.4
359½	264½	Lex Service	334	-1	5.4	17.8
185	146	Lookers	148	...	6.4	8.2
22	9	Mallow Grp	10	...	6.0	13.5
9½	5	Middlesex	9	...	8.7	20.7
71	38	Midlands	38½	...	4.5	
568	330	Norbain	489	-3	1.3	18.8
238	78	Northamber	231	...	0.9	18.5
155	135	PCT	137	...	7.0	9.8
283	225	Pendragon	261½	...	3.7	14.7
166	133	Perry Grp	164	...	5.8	12.4
145	126	Davies Group	143	...	5.0	12.7
183	160	REA	165	+2	3.0	19.6
3¾	2¾	Reeco	2¾	...		
73	48	Rotaxe	53	...	2.9	10.8
6½	2½	Ross Gp	3½	...		
63½	37½	SEP Indl	61	...	2.5	28.3
17½	10	Sirius	12	...	6.8	
74½	38	SLS	64	...	3.6	10.9
268	226	Time Products	258	...	4.5	14.9
375	151	Vardy (Reg)	265	-2	2.7	18.9
303	246	Wholesale Ftgs	302	...	4.8	18.9
80	62½	Wickham	72½	...	1.3	18.9
80	58½	Wyko	69	...	1.8	
97	88	Young (H)	89	...	5.1	13.6

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
150	125	Abbey	135	...	4.9	8.8
198	143	Allen	176	...	3.9	13.1
78	54½	Amect	56	...	6.7	11.8
253	133	Andrews Sykes	250	+15	...	
493	412	Ashtead	486	...	2.2	14.8
105	46	Avonside	46	-2	8.0	7.3
38	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	28½	...	5.8	6.4
47½	38½	Barcom	38	...		
207½	158	Barratt Devel	183	-2	4.8	
159	122	Beazer Homes	153	...	4.8	11.0
254	180	Bellway	225	-1	4.0	11.5
37	15	Bellwinch	16	...	1.6	8.6
421	315	Berkeley Gp	409	-1	2.4	12.7
275	167	Bett Bros	167	...	3.7	5.2
246	185	Bovis (Kenny)	204	...	4.4	9.6
112	89½	Brandon Hire	95	-1	3.9	16.8
40	23	Britannia Grp	28	...	7.1	5.5
180	39	Br Bldg & Eng	39	-2	25.6	5.4
134	103	Bryant	103	-1	6.1	
121	98	CALA	114	...	3.5	11.0
38	25	Campbell & Arm	25	...	...	19.8
64	49	Clarke T	52	...	9.8	18.6
242½	67	Costain	73	...		
110	54	Countryside	54	-2	8.7	7.7
81	43	Crest Nicholson	46	...	5.4	6.4
99	70	Croudace	78	...	8.8	6.1
293	165	Ew Group	175	...	7.9	9.4
29	13	Galliford	16	...	7.8	
863	748	Gleeson (MJ)	750	...	2.5	
88	61	Green (Emest)	61	...	10.5	
273	178	Havelock Euro	271	+1	1.5	22.7
158	115	Hewden-Stuart	121½	-1	2.9	12.9
88	73	Higgs & Hill	76	...	4.1	64.6
29	14	Howard Hldgs	15	...	6.7	17.5
29½	8½	Jarvis	9	...		
137	98	Kellert	130	-1	3.7	12.6
231	185	Laing (J)	225	...	3.0	27.8
97	82	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	91	...	8.8	
81	12	Lovell (YJ)	14	...	8.9	7.4
210	178	Manders (H)	178	...	4.0	
181	104	McAlpine (A)	126	-2	6.0	14.4
82	48	McCarthy & S	58½	...		15.1
78	51	Morgan Sindall	73	...	1.5	
128	116	Morrison Cons	116	...	3.2	11.4
108	53	Mowlem (J)	54	...	4.6	38.9
218	162	Persimmon	163	-2	7.3	11.3
2400	1609½	Pochins	1818½	...	2.2	
128	94	Prowting	94	-1	5.1	12.1
30	20	Raine Ind	22	...	14.2	4.6
53	45	Severn Ratn	50	...	2.6	8.5
128	93	Redrow	118	...	3.4	
398	282	Sherill Hldgs	389	...	2.1	13.5
112½	78	Storey	78	...	8.3	12.1
368	258	Spandex	343	...	1.0	21.8
178	145	Tay Homes	145	-1	6.8	
130	108	Taylor Woodrow	108	-1	2.7	20.2
568	422	Tilbury Douglas	422	-2	8.7	14.4
64½	32	Tarmac Hire	38	-1	4.8	14.1
23	8	Tonbridgewood	9	...		3.7
20	8½	Try Group	10	...	8.2	14.0
109	79	Vibroplant	87	-2	8.7	6.9
118	93	Watsham	100	...	5.8	9.3
80	37	Westl Hldgs	44	...	4.3	9.8
188	123	Westbury	164	+3	4.5	12.0
5¾	2¼	Wiggins	3¼	...		22.4
174	124	Wilson (C)	144½	...	3.9	10.7
372	308	Wilson Bowden	335	...	3.8	12.2
138	97	Wimpey G	100	+1	6.8	14.6

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
175	142	Adwest	142	-2	6.9	...
353	235	Autoliquids	308	-5	1.9	14.4
940	728½	Broken Hill	850	-5	2.8	
348	291	BTR	329	+3	5.3	14.3
564	485	BAT	525	-7	5.4	12.2
270½	154	Beazford Ind	154	-1	1.2	40.8
127	71	Bibby (J)	117	-1	6.1	21.7
51	40½	Brierley Inv	46½	-1½	9.2	2.6
948	743	Charter	842	-8	3.7	13.6
297	185	Coalwest	282	...	3.1	18.8
153	100	Grampian Hdgt	143	-1	5.1	16.1
243½	191½	Hanson	196½	+2½	7.6	10.7
162½	135	Hanson Cndts	147	-3	7.7	15.8
350½	200½	Hutch Whamp	341	-8	2.2	18.7
384½	378½	Jardine Math	378½	-19	4.2	7.7
37	26	Joseph (T)	28	...	6.1	6.9
171	134	Lonrho	158½	+1	3.5	21.9
171	113	McLeod Russel	151	...	6.1	15.2
44	34	Porter Chadburn	38	...	...	14.2
601	447	Powell Duffryn	582	-1	5.4	15.3
152	123	Ropner	151	...	6.8	10.4
178	139	Sime Darby	158	-2	2.9	14.9
230	184	Staveley	213	-1	5.0	15.5
207	148	Suter	189	...	6.5	12.4
286	227	TT Group	265	-2	2.7	14.9
262	214	Tomkins	247½	-5½	4.4	13.8
79	18½	Trafalgar H	22½	+½	...	
295	205	Unidare	295	...	6.4	
390	315	Vardon Stoves	385	...	5.6	19.1
380	241	Wassall	271	-4	2.1	13.3
200	162	Wellcraft	179	...	3.0	14.3
358	298½	Williams Hldg	317	-5	5.4	14.8

ELECTRICITY

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
905	554	East Midlands	864	-4	4.2	11.7
977	535	Eastern Gp	974	...	3.6	13.0
837½	548	London Elec	802	-4	4.0	12.0
1023	621	Manweb	1008	...	4.0	13.7
988	563	Midlands	985	+1	4.9	8.3
561	421½	National Power	509	-2	4.0	10.8
271	158½	Natl Power P/P	187	-2	3.8	10.7
889½	621½	Northern Elec	883	+10	5.0	8.3
477	313	Nthn Ireland	469	-2	3.6	11.4
1147	611	Norweb	1134	-1	3.1	11.9
609	457½	PowerGen	557	-3	3.3	11.8
298	176½	PowerGen P/P	257	-1	3.2	12.6
379	303	Hydro-Elec	339	-1	5.2	9.8
381	305	Scottish Power	354	+1	4.8	10.5
521	304	Seeboard	516	+1	3.5	11.1
961	630	Sth Wales	908	-1	4.2	9.4
974	603	Sth Western	900	...	4.0	10.6
976	548	Southern Elec	952	-2	4.6	10.5
918	599	Yorkshire Elec	886	-2	4.3	11.1

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
563	292	Acal	593	+9	1.8	20.1
159	77½	Adams Comp	145	-3	...	
780	625	Admiral	780	...	1.3	28.4
261	195	Alba	255	-1	2.6	17.4
296½	127½	Amstrad	293½	+3½	1.1	
41	30	Arden	38	...	1.9	13.5
128	77	Astec	112½	-1	1.4	17.5
485	118	Axtion	482	-6	0.8	37.0
364	250	BICC	269	-2	6.0	15.3
250	225	Banks Hadler	231	-3	5.5	12.4
523	430	Black	520	...	2.9	18.7
448	284	Bowthorpe	425	-3	2.7	18.4
29½	17½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	24	+2	2.1	9.5
201	117	CML Micro	130	...	5.9	10.8
38	17	Chernel Hldgs	23	...	7.2	8.5
26½	19	Chloride	25½	...	1.6	62.3
80	61	Claybitte	71	...	5.4	17.7
208	105	Copmanon	206	...	4.9	27.1
170	41½	Coy Elect	44	...	7.1	
648	481	Crabtley	648	...	1.8	22.7
800	330	Dania Gs Sys	514	+25	0.5	27.7
533	398	Delta	485	...	4.8	13.9
565	405	Domino	475	...	2.7	15.6
72	63	Dowding Mills	63	...	5.5	16.7
2250	1465	Druck	2180	-5	0.7	28.7
3340½	2582½	Electrolux 'B'	2795½	-68½	4.3	4.4
34½	28	Emess	31	...	0.4	
1659½	850	Ericsson 'B'	1465½	+80½	0.9	39.7
104	84	Eurocopy	99	-1	3.0	18.0
580	370	Eurotherm	557	-1	1.5	25.2
542	375	Fairey Group	508	...	1.8	21.4
514	165	Filtronic Comt	448	-17	0.2	71.7
585	195	Forward Gp	538	...	1.4	28.9
100	40	Forward Tech	87	...	3.6	12.0
341	289	GEC	316	+1½	4.5	15.1
171	122	Gaseby	145	-3	5.7	13.2
141	75	Ind Control	84	-3	5.4	16.7
28	14	Intelek	14	...	4.3	27.9
320	233	Kenwood App	238	-1	5.3	10.6
187	50	Kode	99	-3	...	
49	28	LPA Ind	37	...	5.7	26.3
390	207	MR Ind	287	...	2.2	14.8
288	254	Microfibre-Sw	284	...	2.2	18.7
53½	30½	Microvitec	49	-1	2.1	16.4
377	224	Mitel	324	-8	...	
464	315	Oxford Ind	430	-8	1.7	18.0
132	51	Pacer Systems	129	-1	3.2	17.4
112	73	Peak	106	-1½	4.0	17.0
3021½	1993½	Philips Lmp	2308½	-106½	2.1	8.4
349	217	Pilco	221	...	2.8	13.8
327	207	Pilco 'A' Vtg	211	...	2.9	13.2
153	118	Plasmect	145	...	3.9	11.8
750	96	Prestec	750	...	3.0	
54	29	Prestwicks	49	-1	...	15.9
677	243	Psion	605	+1	0.8	25.6
35	15	Quadrant Grp	15	...	2.1	41.9
295	217	Racal Elect	252	-2	2.5	19.4
112	44	Radiotec	75	...	3.7	15.4
448	301	Raxtoid	385	+7	...	21.7
281	202½	Rothwell	281	...	2.4	13.8
20½	5	Scantronic	9½	...		
67	38	Sinewave	50	...	2.7	13.3
50	33	Soundtrack	38½	...	8.1	11.1
215	163	Stevens	213	...	2.6	
9½	5	TDS Circuits	8	...		
3440½	2488½	TDK	3262½	-50	1.0	
378	37	Tadpole Tech	75	+8	...	
136	57	Telemetrix	135	-1	1.1	19.2
102	83	TGI	92	...	3.7	11.6
930	342	Telspec	903	-28	0.5	50.5
289	226	Thorpe FW	260	...	1.9	15.8
184	130	TLG	173	-2	2.5	18.7
38	16	Total Systems	21	...		21.8
320	227	Tunstall	319	...	1.6	20.4
587	350	Unitech	518	-5	1.8	18.1
13½	8	Verity	12½	...	1.0	18.9
465	368	Volex	434	-3	5.5	15.7
79	22	Wellsbourne	27	...		4.8
187	122	Whessoe	187	...	1.0	

BUILDING MATERIALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
14	7½	Alfredgton	12	...	1.8	
440	311½	Aberthaw	440	...	2.2	18.0
342	287½	BPB Ind	326	+2	4.1	12.8
133	94	Baggeridge Brk	94	-3	4.2	8.8
30	26	Barton	27	...	6.3	13.2
56	35	Blockleys	42	-1	1.2	
308	255	Blue Circle	287	+4	6.1	13.1
89	72	Breedon PLC	73	...	7.7	10.8
135	110	Br Dredging	116	...	6.4	14.4
453	338	CRH	417	...	2.5	15.8
46	28	Caleb Ray	38	...	3.3	
210	152	Capel	152	...	9.0	11.8
273	192	Cement	196	-2	6.1	10.1
134½	107	Coradon pl	107½	-1	8.4	
55	18	Chieftain Gp	19	...	13.2	
188	105	Dyson (J&J)	188	...	2.7	15.5
90	83	Dyson 'A'	81	...	6.2	8.7
98½	58½	Eclipse Blinds	85	...		78.2
315	234	Epwin	258	...	4.3	13.9
99	85	Ellis & Dandy	95	...	4.2	
193	160	Graham Gdt	178	-2	8.6	15.7
379	313	Halstead (J)	373	...	2.8	
325	254	Hepworth	286	+4	8.5	13.2
85	39	Hewetson	42	-18	7.4	5.4
104½	73	Hewitt (J)	91	...		
288	202½	Heywd Wms	207	-2	8.3	10.7
85	84	Ibstock	84	...	3.4	10.5
368	262	Johnston	318	...	4.2	7.3
108	84	Lilleshall	87	...	7.0	10.4
139½	105	Marley	105	-1	5.5	8.3
154	123	Marshalls	132	...	4.7	9.8
371	289	Meyer Int	350	+1	4.1	11.7
178	130½	Newman Tonks	131	-1½	6.6	11.8
188	76	Norcros	83	-1	5.3	
20	12	Plasmec Timber	16	...		15.2
217	143	Pilkington	184½	+3½	2.8	20.3
177	122	Polypipe	174	-2	1.9	18.3
1119	848½	RMC Gp	1013	-19	2.7	13.8
18	3	Rimas	3½	...		
470	338	Redland	341	-3	8.1	10.4
122	91½	Rostol	106	-2	5.1	11.0
178½	128	Rubeloid	150	...	5.1	12.1
125	100	Rugby Group	108	+1	4.2	13.7
113	88	Russell (A)	104	...	3.1	14.2
262	205	SIG	205	-4	3.8	11.4
19	11	SMP	13	...	1.9	
180	156	Sharpe & Fisher	157	...	4.0	12.5
43	25½	Spring Ram	25½	...	2.5	
139	84½	Tarmac	88	+1	7.8	13.3
160	130	Tilon	130	...	4.4	10.1
335	265	Travis Perkins	311	-2	3.6	13.0
36	24	Tudor	30	...	8.1	17.8
68	33	Waterhouse	43	...		
135	83	Wickes	125	...	1.9	23.2
411	324	Wolseley	385	...	3.2	13.1

BUSINESS SERVICES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
2	0½	Anglo Utd	0½	-¼	...	...
86	57	App Hold	75	...		
7½	5½	Bailey (CH)	5½	...		
59	35	Black Arrow	40	...	9.7	6.4
87	60	Br Bloodstock	65	-2	...	27.4
6	3	Caird Gp	4	...		
9½	4½	Chemex	7½	...	1.7	22.7
161	135	Cosalt	150	...	6.9	10.1
259½	215	Fisher	256	...	1.3	19.0
43	24	Headway	38	...		30.8
420	248	Hewlock	417½	...	2.3	18.9
168	132	Leigh	133	-2	7.4	13.8
221	102	Nabo Gp	132	...	5.8	8.7
265	158	Pride-Wrt	169	...	3.7	14.8
68	53	Plant & Gen	60	...	5.7	8.4
11	0½	Realtime	1	...		
104	73	Smaks & McEwin	93½	-2½	4.4	19.7
213	160	Stector (Walt)	207	...	4.7	
314	243	Tuscan Mgt Intl	314	...		11.9
148	73	Wade Rdgy	126	-1	1.2	27.5

CHEMICALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
198	154	Albright & Wilt	158	...	4.7	18.7
137	109	Allied Colloids	133	-1	2.4	18.6
249	195	Amber Ind	238	...	3.0	4.0
81	67	Ambergley Gp	81	...	2.8	17.6
£147½	£120½	BASF DM	£144½	-21½	3.1	
876	688	BOC	856	-4	3.6	17.8
308	236	BTP	274	...	5.0	15.1
£171½	£141¼	Bayer DM50	£149½	-1790	4.0	
185	103	Bagden	160	-1	...	
119	87	Brent Chemct	84	...	4.8	23.0
278	210	Br Vita	224	-8	4.4	14.3
239	184	Canning (W)	238	...	4.1	15.3
489½	388	Courtaulds	395	+3	4.9	15.5
387½	320	Croda	351	-1	3.2	15.3
233	125	Dowfin	222	...	3.3	14.5
282	234	Ellis & Everard	268	...	3.8	15.6
107	58	Euro Colour	99	...	2.1	25.7
213	114	Elbbon	208	+4	3.7	18.5
145	105	Hickson	105	-3	4.8	10.1
£183½	£123½	Hoechst	£162½	+450	3.2	
221½	185	Halliday Chem	194	...	3.2	13.8
849½	660	ICI	774	-5	4.8	14.8
360	188½	Inspect	355	-3	1.6	24.8
159	97½	Kalon	122	-5	4.7	13.9
833	620	Laporte	827	-1	3.5	17.0
85	71	MTM	72	...	2.8	12.9
385	298	Macdermid	324	...	4.3	14.6
66	30	Marverez	44	...	4.3	10.6
516	382½	Montedison	420½	...	4.7	18.3
425	273½	Porvair	395	-10	1.6	28.9
250	188	Scapa	233	...	3.3	18.8
34	18	Stachlle Speak	30	-1	1.7	37.2
825	635½	Takeda Chem	890½	-27½	1.0	12.2
259	188	Wellington Hdgt	248	...	3.4	19.0
1858	728	Wardhams RT	1023	...	2.7	17.4
374	275	Yorks Chem	303	-2	3.5	14.8
348	236	Yule Catto	321	...	2.9	17.9

ENGINEERING

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
347	167	AIM	298	...	1.9	...
97	47½	APV	88	-½	4.3	...
248	167	ASW	167	-2	4.7	8.0
37	24	Aero Hamble	30	...	1.1	...
149½	42	Alvis	147	-2	1.7	
168	133	Ash & Lacy	163	...	5.0	11.2
638	588	Atlas Equipt	635	...	4.3	22.2
153	118	Ayrshire Metal	130	...	5.3	7.5
182	78	BI Group	101	+½	5.5	12.9
187	112½	Babcock	172	-7	1.2	...
185	122	BWI	152	-1	6.3	
185	77	Baynes (Charles)	103	-1	2.7	17.9
39½	26	Beaufort	28	...	2.0	6.6
130	80	Billiant	128	-5	5.5	
421	306	Bodycote	428	...	1.6	21.3
81	36	Bodin Inds	37	...		
21	13½	Brasway	19½	...	3.8	
157½	122½	Britax	143	-2	3.6	17.9
786	418½	Br Aerospace	707	-11	1.9	28.4
191	144	Br Steel	163½	-1	5.7	7.4
13½	10½	Brooke Tool	12½	...	1.0	28.0
38	36½	Brunel	38	...		
190	131	Bullough	185	-1	5.8	13.1
123	71	Bunzl	114	-1	3.3	15.5
315	236	Carclo Eng	311	...	4.0	16.8
194	150	Castings	189	...	2.2	15.3
183	145	Chamberlin Hill	183	...	5.4	11.5
376	294	Chemring	371	...	3.4	17.8
182	130	Clyde Blowers	158	...	4.0	
422	302	Cobham	398	...	2.8	20.9
725	505	Cohen (A)	680	...	1.1	6.1
263	166	Concentric	186	-1	4.2	14.1
243	210	Cook (Wm)	234	-2	4.4	9.6
248	180½	David Brown	227	...	3.9	14.8
132	68	Dobson Park	132	...	4.9	27.3
417	330	EIS	405	...	4.0	14.6
111	91	Elliott (B)	111	...	2.8	12.6
93	71	Ensound	91	...	2.3	17.2
184	130½	FKI	180½	-2½	3.6	15.7
157	119½	Feltom	156	...	1.6	22.5
28	4	Fenara	4	...		
138	77	GEI Int	119	-7	3.2	14.6
199	117	Galon Eng	193	...	3.8	18.4
378	292	Glynwed	339	-4	4.7	13.5
13½	10½	Graystone	13½	...	5.0	
86	58	Haden MacLnt	84	...	3.3	32.0
190	133	Hadleigh	188	-1	2.8	18.1
215	135	Hall Engt	204	...	3.7	
175	133½	Halma	170½	-2	1.8	22.9
57	28	Hampson Ind	53	...	5.2	10.2
37	18	Hay (Norman)	31	+1		
137	110	Hill & Smith	111	+1	8.6	14.0
39	34	Hopkinsons	34½	...	4.7	
41	26	How Grl	35	...	2.7	...
95	74	Howden	85½	...	3.9	11.3
216	162	Hunting	209	...	6.1	18.2
348½	285	IMI	327	-2	4.1	29.5
67	40½	Johnson & FB	87	...	0.6	80.5
693	488	Johnson Matth	598	-1	3.0	18.0
52½	28	Jones Stroud	50	...		
548	310	Kelsey Ind	510	...	3.8	13.0
298	265	Lincat	285	...	3.6	14.1

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
38	23	AAF Inds	27	-1		
294	153	Airflow Stream	258	-6	3.9	5.9
48½	41	Arnoux	44½	...	5.7	
539	440	Avon Rubber	525	...	4.0	18.9
291	181	BBA	263	-4	2.4	
72½	49½	BSG	61½	...	6.6	12.9
13	3½	Benson Group	4	...	3.8	
340	285	Bostrom	313	-2	2.5	17.2
24	17	Boustead	19	...	6.6	
14	10	Cavendale	10½	-½	3.4	6.8
357	277	ERF	281	...	2.0	16.5
503	370	First Tech	475	...	1.8	18.0
828½	543	GKN	797	+8	3.5	16.3
3231½	2343½	General Mtr	2775	-25	2.7	
1174	646	Honda Motor	1120½	-6½	0.4	
448	304	Lairdt	415	-6	3.5	15.8
440	345	Lucas	405	...		
212	163	Lucas	185	...	4.7	56.5
95	53	Mayflower	93	-1	2.2	24.2
280	150	Sytone	192	...	3.5	18.0
197	140	T & N	148	-12	5.0	
378	324	Trinity Hldgs	331	-8	2.8	17.9

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
739	556	AB Food	691	-8	2.9	14.3
267	205	Acatos & Hutch	247	...	4.6	9.4
56	38	Albert Fisher	51	...	9.5	12.0
287	195	Banks (S C)	263	+2	4.8	13.4
387	330	Ben (AG)	332	-1	2.9	14.9
40	15	Benjamin Crp	16	...		
445	354	Booker	368	-1	7.7	18.7
47½	31	Borthwick	39	...	4.5	27.1
333	191	CPL Aromas	379	...	1.4	22.8
543	370	Cadbury Schwt	520	-5	3.8	18.6
295	230	Carrs Milling	271	...	3.2	10.3
188	145	Comp Crack	188	...	5.8	12.9
163	98	Dalebck	135	...	2.0	17.8
494	375½	Dalgety	417	+1	6.8	12.6
67	33½	Daniels S	45	...	8.3	
255	208	Dewirst	246	+3	3.7	15.5
106	82	Eurorgt	92	...	5.4	8.3
20½	3½	Fardingland	12	...		
76	47	Finlay (James)	59	...	6.8	23.1
19½	10	Global	18½	...	4.0	11.3
505	400	Greencore	505	...	2.5	13.3
133	91	Hazlewood Fds	122	...	6.9	11.2
201	161	Hillsdown	166	+3	7.0	11.0
28½	22½	Hobson	27½	-½	3.7	31.4
86	63	JLI Group	72	...	8.6	11.3
353	317	Linton Park	319	...	5.9	7.8
123	96	Matthews (Bj)	99	...	4.1	9.4
235	211	Nichols (JN)	230	...	3.4	14.8
221	176	Nttn Foods	182	-2	6.0	
14	8½	Northstn Fo	13½	...		9.9
230	80	Pascoe's	117	...		
52½	9	Paginton (UK)	9½	...		
83	68	Perkins Food	72	-1	7.7	18.2
140	75	SelPerfect	75	...		
147	84	Sonky Farm	137	...	3.1	11.0
78	60	Stirts Food	65	...	7.7	12.6
478	412	Tate & Lyle	447	+1	4.1	9.3
408	294	Trouts	325	-1	2.0	14.6
440	303	Unigate	413	-1	5.5	14.2
1309	1124	Unilever	1226	-9	2.7	14.8
8543½	7200	Unilever (NV)	8187½	-96½	3.0	13.1
368	259	Utd Biscuits	273	-6	6.1	17.3
44	33	WT Foods	38½	...	8.1	14.3
110	80	Yorkshire Food	83	...	4.8	10.6

HEALTHCARE

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1070	770	Amersham	965	...	2.2	19.0
102	43	Anagen	63	...		
207	175	Assoc Nursg	183	...	2.0	14.0
359	238	Bespak	325	...	3.9	22.5
457	182	Biocompatibles	429	+44		
81	80	Care UK	80	...		
150	71	Celsis	125	+2	0.5	17.2
285	198	Community Hl	261	...	4.2	13.3
37	28	CrestaCare	32½	...	3.2	11.3
113	15	Elverand	18	...	9.7	2.3
85	55	Fennes Group	55	...	5.1	7.6
166	113	Goldsborough	113	...	3.9	9.1
10½	8½	Greenacre	10½	...	4.5	12.8
833	428	Huntigh Tect	833	...	1.0	30.8
77	45	Innovare Gp	56	...	8.0	13.2
310	235	Isoinst	391	...	2.2	
148	112	Life Sciences	123	-1	4.5	12.7
141	85	Lon Ind	131	-3	1.0	
79	41	Mercer-BNA	68	-1	5.8	15.3
80	8	Premier Health	12	...		
290	230	Quality Care	261	...	2.2	12.9
248	118	Scholl	214	...	3.9	
405	311½	Seton Health	395	-2	2.3	18.0
84	32	Shield Diag	88	+8	...	47.0
205	152	Smith & Nephew	194	-1½	3.5	22.4
22	7	Specialeyes	22	...		0.8
228	183	Takare	209	-3	1.5	13.7
285	234	UniChem	249	-1	3.7	14.1
356	283	West Hillcrse	330	-2	2.0	14.7

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
228	173	Airsprung	177½	...	3.8	9.8
162	100	BLP Group	100	...	3.9	8.2
41	29	Bilston Blisses	41	...	...	21.7
108	56	Cowell Pkr 'A'	80	...	0.9	
160	130	Creighton Nt	138	...	7.0	9.9
168	141	Denby Group	163	...	2.4	18.1
145	127	Gastell	142	+1	3.7	11.0
448	343	FWP Intl	428	...	2.6	12.1
5	2	Linehest	3	...		
215	188	McBride	203	+1	4.1	
238	180	Maynoret	238	...	3.5	13.0
485	370	Osborne & Little	378	-3	3.2	10.1
485	423	Paterson Zch	465	+2	4.1	
420	366	Paterson Zch 'A'	400	+2	4.8	
714	584	Reckitt Colm	675	-3	3.5	15.6
291	238	Reyno	268	-5	3.3	17.2
285	244	Royal Doulton	245	-4	4.0	12.2
216	148	Salestagic	192	...	5.3	12.7
32½	26	Stoddard	26½	...	7.5	8.7
210	155	Tomkinsons	160	...	4.0	19.6
130	85	Victoria Carpet	87	...	2.9	
188	78	Walker Greenbk	87	...	5.3	16.4
66	51	Wixford Welsh	58	...	1.8	19.5
225	155	Wood (Arthur)	175	...	3.0	13.8

INSURANCE

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1675	1187½	Alex & Alex	1468½	-18½	4.3	...
2481½	1787½	Am Gen	1993½	-137½	3.9	...
98	76	Angerstein	89	...	4.3	28.3
63	51	Archer	54	...	2.3	
76	44	Bradstock	65	-1	11.0	8.1
705	385	Britannic	690	...	2.6	
97	84	CLM Insce	93½	...	2.8	
652	473	Gen Accident	607	+3	5.6	9.7
103	78	Delfin	95	...	2.1	
1680	1085	Doro & Bent	1375	...	3.0	13.8
194	158½	FBD E	187½	-¼	4.0	7.9
164	126	Fenchurch Gp	137	+6	7.4	9.1
104½	82	Foskury Under	104	...	2.0	52.0
707	499	Gen Accident	635	-4	5.8	8.7
252	160½	GRE	233	+4	4.8	4.5
97	79	HCG Lloyds	90½	...	4.4	30.0
240	147	Heath C E	159	...	12.6	16.0
256½	203½	Hibernian E	252½	-¼	3.6	30.7
111	88	Hiscox Select	102½	...	2.8	40.4
360	165	Independent	355	...	3.6	7.6
232	178	Irish Life	229	-1	5.8	20.1
138	110	JIB Group	120	...	7.8	14.1
102	67	Kiln Capital	89	...	5.1	
676	414	Legal & Gen	662	-8	4.2	19.5
1859½	1298½	Liberty Life	1649½	+9½	8.2	5.1
182	137	Lloyd Thomp	138	-3	8.2	...
488	317	Lloyds Abbey	458	...	5.5	14.1
394	303	London & Man	388	-2	5.7	15.7
109	92	London Ins Mkt	104½	...	3.3	34.0
185	138	Lowndes Lmb	139	-4	7.4	7.8
5687½	4787½	Marsh McLnt	5212½	-81½	3.9	
101	79	Meadhurst	82	...	3.5	24.5
181	136	Nelson Hurst	163	-1	5.4	10.4
88	65	New London Cap	87	...	4.5	31.8
65	34	Oakham	55½	-½	6.9	...
118	80	Oval	97	...	6.9	10.8
82	68	Pramium Trust	81	...	4.6	...
121	86	Pramium Under	121	...		
405	290	Prudential	389	-3	4.8	16.6
36	13	PWS	14½	...	3.0	...
417	281	Refuge	402	-1	3.9	27.8
426	251	Royal	380	-3	4.9	7.0
169	104½	Sedgwick	168	+2	7.5	9.8
122	35	Steel Burrill	36	...	28.0	3.8
492	281	Sun Alliance	373	-4	5.4	10.6
94	66	Syndicate Cap	94	+1	3.7	27.1
81	81	Trade Indemnity	70	...	2.8	37.1
695	458	Utd Friendly	688	...	3.9	14.8
172	116	Willis Corroon	127	-1	6.5	71.0
24	14	Windsor	14	...	4.5	5.0

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
421	333	3i	404	-2	2.2	
81	65	Abtrust Emerg	70½	-1	0.4	...
84	73	Abtrust High Inc	78	...	10.1	...
236	182	Abtrust N Dawn	210	-2	0.7	
2025	1682	Alliance	1850	-8	3.3	
297	239	American Trust	260	-4½	3.6	
472	391	Anglo & O'seas	446	-2	1.9	
151	106	Baillie Gifford SN	124½	-1½	...	...
110	97½	Baillie Gifford Jpn				
180	154	Bankers				
213	172	Bankers	205½	-½	2.4	
46½	26½	Barong Em Eu	37½	-1½		
363	230	Baring Tribune	339	-2	2.5	
96	84½	Br Assets	83½	-2½	6.1	
97½	82	Br Empire Sect	89½	-1	1.4	
37½	25	Br Empire Wts	29	-1		
233	194	Br Inv	216	-1	3.0	
101	73½	Brazilian	74½	-½		
265½	211	Brunner	244	-1	2.9	
136	118	BZW Conv	118	-1½	8.3	
473	318	Candover	409	-1	3.4	
53	34½	Central Euro Gwth	41	-1½	1.3	
185	144	Chse & Eastern	173	-2	2.6	
138	161	Coal Asst	176	-1	2.1	
83	75	Dartae Ln the	75		13.3	
340	278	Derby Cap	318			
166	148	Derby Inc	151		15.1	
736	617	Dunedin Inc &	703	-5	4.8	
87	73	Dunedin Japan	78½	-1½		
333	296	Dunedin Smlr	325	-2	3.5	
42	22	Dunedin Wts	35	-2		
801	678	Dundee Wwde	742	-10	1.6	
109½	82½	Edin Dragon	86½	-1½		
45½	33½	Edinburgh Inca	29½	-½	0.3	
339	281	Edinburgh	332½	-½	3.7	
162	127	EFM Java	137½	-3		
376	307	Elecia Inv	365	-3	2.5	
219	180	Electric Gen	206	-2	2.0	
143	108	English Scot	132	-3		
350	273	European Asset	330	-1	2.0	
199	147½	Fidelity Euro Val	194½	-1	0.2	
83	62½	Fidelity Jap Val	69½	-1½	0.2	
108	81	Fidelity Spec Val	100		0.6	
175	143	Finsbury 'A'	172	-½	2.3	
80	62	First Spanish	74		0.4	
338	287	Fleming Amer	298	-4	0.7	
74½	51½	Fleming Chinese	57½	-1	1.1	
39	20	Fleming Ch Wts	21			
244	198	Fleming Claver	257	-1	3.1	
357	288½	Fleming Cont	332	-1	1.3	
158½	125	Fleming Em Mkt	136	-2½		
258	199	Fleming Ent	248	-1	2.6	
360	278½	Fleming F East	326	-7	0.6	
402	327	Fleming Fledg	397	-2	0.9	
105	90	Fleming Hi Inc	100	-1	5.7	
97	58½	Fleming Indian	58½		1.9	
46	28	Fleming In Wts	29			
38	28	Fleming Ind	37½	-½	12.4	
258	203	Fleming Japan	232	-5		
333	252½	Fleming Merc	296½	-1	3.0	
97	72½	Fleming Nth Fes	83½	-1½		
325	269	Fleming Overst	334	-2	1.9	
151	124	Foreign & Col	145½	-½	1.6	
110	91	For & Col Inc Gwth	99	-1	4.1	
120½	93	Fran Emg Mkts	100½	-2		
83½	67½	Fran Enterprise	82½	-¼	1.2	
263	204½	Fran Eurotst	243½	-1½	0.6	
135	115	Fran German	122½	-½	0.5	
179	137½	Fran Pacific	168½	-1	1.0	
139	120	Fran PEP	132	-1	3.9	
176	153	Fran Smaller	171	-1	1.5	
123	93	Fran US Smlr	119	-2		
24	17½	Fulcrum Cap	19			
46	36	Fulcrum Inc	36			
160½	141	Fulcrum Zero	159½			
219	188	Gartmore Brit	217		4.2	
204	174	Gartmore Eur	200		2.5	
164	127	Gartmore Euro	154	-1	0.7	
101	84	Gartmore Smrs	92		13.0	
249	207	G'more Smlr Cos	235	-1	5.1	
100	84	Gezeol Inc Inv	89	-1	11.8	
183	138	Genl Cons Cap	176	-1		
113	104	Genl Inc	109		10.7	
105	86	German Inv	97½	-½	0.3	
246	192	Gov Asn Sm Cos	205	-2	0.2	
119½	88	Gov Eng Mks	95½	-1	0.4	
197	135	Govett Atn Smlr	170	-6		
89	71	Gov Glob Smlr	82	-1		
86	70	Govett High Inc	74	-1	9.5	
381	322	Govett Oriental	360	-4	0.4	
390	223	Govett Strategic	274	-4	3.1	
443	367	Greenfriar	436	-2	2.0	
19	6	Greshm House	6			
251	191	GT Japan	219½	-5½	0.7	
136	113	H Govett Smlr Co	131	-1	1.9	
128	113	Hend Hgrt	125	-½	5.8	
350	258	Hend Strata	349	-1	0.2	
123	80	Herald	118	-1	0.5	
107	67½	HTR Jap Smaller	84½	-1		
17	12	I&S Eq	16			
119	93	I&S UK Smlr	109	-2	3.3	
142	118	Inv Cap	136½	-1	4.8	
108	78	Int Biotech	95	-3	1.3	
39	20	Int Wts	38			
99	74	INVESCO Asia	91½	-½		
72	51	INVESCO Blue	63		16.7	
126	88	INVESCO Eng Int	125	-1	0.8	
149	122	INVESCO Korea	142			
61	49	INVESCO Tokyo	50	-½		
96	82	J Fry 2nd U	90½	-½	9.1	
94	81	J Fry Euro U	84		6.6	
224	174	JF Fledg Jap	219	-½		
123	99	Jupiter Intl Grn	121	-1	3.5	
249	194	Kleinwort Char	235	-1½	3.9	
121	96½	Kleinwort E Mkt	105	-2½		
129	110	Kleinwort End	126			
84½	73	Kleinwort Euro Pnd	77½	-½	0.3	
27½	21	Kleinwort Euro Wts	21	-½		
91	74	Kleinwort H Inc	84		12.8	
266	213	Kleinwort O'seas	250	-4	1.8	
149	111	Kleinwort Smlr	137		3.2	
605½	427½	Korea-Europe	585½	-2½	8.7	
125½	71	Latin Americas	85	-3½		
922	718	Law Debenture	903	-1	2.9	
106	82	Lazard H Inc	82	-2	9.8	
102	77	Lloyds Sm Cap	97	-1		
29½	26	Lloyds Sm Dw	26½	-½	17.6	
130	102	Lloyds Sm Pkg	123	-1	3.8	
177	160	Lon St Lawrence	172		4.6	
101	78½	Lon Smaller Co's	96		4.2	
356	283	Lowland	337		3.5	
1387½	1125	Lytenborg	1225		1.8	
638	503	M&G 2nd Dual Cp	616			
135	110	M&G 2nd Dual In	110		27.7	
2995	2533	M&G Dual Cap	2843	-15		
313	210	M&G Dual Inc	223			
65½	60	M&G Inc Geared	62	-½	10.2	
33	25½	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cp	29½			
37½	31½	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc	32½	-¼	19.4	
139	116	M&G Inc Package	128		5.0	
65½	54½	M&G Inc Zero Dv	65			
30½	23½	M&G Rec Cap	24	-½		
61½	48	M&G Rec Geared	50		9.9	
30	24½	M&G Rec Inc	25½	-¼	18.6	
138½	127	M&G Rec Pacge	136	-1	3.6	
90	73	M&G Rec Zero Dw	90			
123	100	M Curie Eaus	109	-2	0.4	
152	119	M Curie Pac	132	-4	0.1	
215	182	Maydis	210		3.5	
57	42	Mandala	44			
287	241	Merchants	274	-3½	5.3	
92	78½	Mercury Euro Pv	86	-½	2.0	
32	23½	Mercury Eur Wt	24	-½		
99	78	Mercury World	85½	-1	1.0	
31	14	Mercury Wld Wts	14	-1		
577	492	Monks Inv Tst	552	-4	1.7	
159	125	Morg Gren Inc	153	+1	4.1	
58	40½	Morg Wts	52½	-½		
86	48	Morg Latn Amer	57½	-2		
49	20	Morg Wts	22½	-2		
130	104	Murray Eml	120	-1	2.5	
34	23	Murray Eml Wts	23	-2		
92	73	Murray, Emg Ent	75½	-2½		
40	21	Murray Ent Wt	27½	-1		
65	54	Murray Euro	63	-1		7.5
17½	10	Murray Eu Wts	13½			
372	308	Murray Income	360	-2	4.2	
376	296	Murray Intl	358	-4	4.4	
182	162½	Murray Sm Cap	170½	-1½		
151	126	Murray Sm Cos	139	-1		
81	73½	Murray Sm Cos	75½	-1		
3250	2900	Murray Sm Co Uts	3037½		9.4	
136	118	Murray Small	118	-1½	8.3	
460	376	Murray Smlr	423	-8	1.6	
377	308	Murray Ventr	348	-1	4.3	
19	11	Newmarket	14			
61	53	NatWest Pict	57			10.4
79	61	NatWest Cap	70	-1		
372	316	Outwich Inv Tst	360	-5	1.3	
199	156	Old Scot Wts	184	-4		
141	90½	Pacific Assets	136½	-½	3.3	
38	27½	Perpetual Jap	34½			
286	216	Persl Uk Sml Co	282	-1	1.3	
£104½	£82½	Personal Assets	£102½	-£½	2.4	
125	107	Pilot Inv	123½	-½	2.6	
108	87½	Pacific Inv	102½	-½	5.6	
196	164	RIT Cap Pin	191	-1		
34	25½	River Merc Am Cap	29½	-½		
104	97	River Merc Am Inc	99½		3.6	
11	6½	River Merc Am Wts	9½			
134	114	River Merc Cap	124½	-1		
97	77½	River Merc Eu Inch	85½	-1	11.2	
16	8	River Merc Eu Inch	8			
83	78	River Merc Gtr Inc	78		11.5	
39	25½	River Merc Gtr Pf	33			
112	106	River Merc Tst Inc	108	-1	15.5	
141	112	River Merc Sm Cur	130	-1	4.2	
43	20	River Merc Sm Wts	26	-2		
453	394	Rolinco	430		3.0	
480	398	Robeco	450		3.8	
117	102	Schrod Inc Grwth	109	-2		
94	67	Schrod Jap Gwt	74½	-1		
879	635½	Schrod Kored	857	-2		
298	146	Schrod Utilitis	285		1.3	
30	24½	Schrod Split Cap	25½			
113	100	Schrod Split Inc	101		9.2	
127½	109½	Schrod Split Zero	121½	-½		
120	88	Schrod UK Gwth	113½	-1	3.5	
246	200	Scot	240½	-½	2.1	
171	147½	Scot American	159½	-½	3.9	
335	216	Scot Asian	292	-2		
815	555	Scot Inv	802			
95	74½	Scot Eastern	83		2.3	
249	206	Scot Mtge	233½	-1½	2.4	
96	78½	Scot Nat Tst	89½		6.8	
117	100	Scot Value	110		5.6	
1837	1483	Second Alliance	1720	-3	1.2	
93	76	Sectis Ts Gt Gen	86		1.5	
150	124	Selective Assets	144		1.4	
132	122	Shires Emt	124		5.2	
47½	31½	Scheme Ltd	31½			
357	299	St Andrew Inv	357	-3	4.3	
387	318	Temple Bar	385	-3	3.6	
114	90	Thrgm Asian E	101½	-¼	0.5	
61	16½	Throg Dual Cp	52			
85	68	Throgmorton	82½	-1	3.5	
134	98	Tr Emg Eng Mkt	119½	-1½	0.6	
168½	135½	TR City Of Lon	162½	-½	4.1	
200	159	TR Euro Growth	183½	-1	1.1	
162	137	TR Far East	159½	-½	4.1	
119	85	TR Pacific	105½	-1	5.2	
31½	26	TR Property	32		4.5	
208	171	TR Smr Cos	193	-2	5.1	
208	180	TR Tech Inv	193	-1	2.0	
241	177	Tallyke Inv	217		1.1	
246	217	USDC Inv	241½	-½	2.3	
117	93	Undervalued Ast	114½		1.9	
130	108	Value Inc Tst	125		4.2	
88	76	Voyageur Er Sm	81		3.2	
36	30½	Warrants & Vlt	35	-1	1.6	
262	217½	Witan	242½	-1½	3.2	
99	83	Yeoman Inc	83		3.5	

LEISURE & HOTELS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
60	25	Abtco Str H	53			
449	315	Airtours	321	-1	5.4	7.6
42	17	Ald Leis	40			
153	99	Alpha Airport	102		5.9	10.0
54	33	Arcadian	53	-1	1.9	
185	128	BS Group	140		2.7	19.2
188	111	Bochum	166	+3	3.3	13.9
235	197	Barr & Wallr	212		5.5	17.5
381	282	Bluebird Toys	358	-2	2.9	11.7
460	331	Boosey Hawks	458	-2	1.7	25.1
3½	1½	Bram Walker	1½			
46	33	Burndene	41	-1	5.9	13.9
26½	5½	Caster Pic	7½	-¼	6.5	
348	248	Chrysalis	348			
97	70½	City Centre Rest	95		2.6	18.4
449	305	Compass Gp	432	-2	2.0	22.5
288	210	Eurocamp	232	-1	5.7	10.9
250	118	Euro Disney	238			
170	93	Euro Leisure	164	-2		
450	358	Fairline Boats	359		5.9	14.5
118½	62	First Choice	64	-1	7.1	12.5
349	262	First Leisure	345		2.6	20.5
276	224½	Forte	243		3.9	27.7
175	133	Friendly Hotels	143	-1	5.0	16.7
687	476	Granada	670	-5	2.0	18.2
166	108	Groupe Chez Gert	160		1.9	19.0
38	16	Hi-Tec Sports	32		5.3	
168	96	Hornby	160	-1	3.9	13.8
223½	134	Jurys Hotel	217½		3.6	13.5
22½	14½	Kunick	22		4.3	24.0
443	264	London Clubs	410	-2	4.0	13.8
187½	159	Ladbroke	162	-1	4.6	49.2
64	29	Magnolia	64		0.4	
213	122	Man Utd	209	+1	2.7	
97½	58	Mansion Gmo	65	-½	5.6	13.7
15½	9½	My Kinda Town	13½		2.7	
91	66	Normain	68		5.8	
110	70	Pelican Gp	103	-2	1.8	21.4
198	121	PizzaExpress	193	-1	1.4	22.9
141	78	Prism Leisure	128		4.7	9.6
30	5½	Queens Moat	6½	-¼		
285	217	Ramsden (H)	270		2.1	31.7
464	358	Rank Org	418	-4	4.1	14.2
37	26	Ryan Hotels	32		5.0	11.2
950	845	Savoy Hotel 'A'	683		1.0	46.6
89½	76	Stakis	77½		2.7	17.2
358	340	Stanley Leisure	356		2.2	15.7
346	280	Tangeng	346		0.9	23.7
1569½	997	Thorn EMI	1463	-5	3.1	24.8
219	117	Tottenham Hotr	201		1.9	6.6
80	63	Toy Options	80		4.1	11.9
241	161	VCI	241		2.2	16.5
156	126	Vardon	127	-1	1.3	19.0
650	216	Wembley	336	+5	3.5	
135	98	Zetters Gp	124		10.1	9.7

MEDIA

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
465	335	Abbott Mead	464		2.1	27.5
318	280	Adscene	280		3.8	14.4
38½	22	Aegis Gp	36			14.4
7½	1½	Allied Radio	4½			
13	9	BBB Design	10			
267	155	Babcocr Eidex	265		4.2	32.7
10½	4½	Barbazle	6	+½		

MINING

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
4525	3693½	Ang Am Coal	4100		2.8	15.5
3809½	2946½	Ang Am	3521½	-78½	2.2	28.3
5487½	4375	Ang Am Gold	5221½		4.1	15.1
32	20	Anglo Pac Res	27	-1		
28½	17	Arcon Intl	21	-1		
1600	1225	Ashanti	1234½	-6½	1.3	14.7
117	74	Aston	76	-1	6.9	
245	133	Bauryches	153	+16		
611½	337½	Beatrix	545½	-6	3.9	25.5
34	29	Bosch	31		3.1	
117½	78½	Bywoors	83½			
37	24	Bougainville	27			
18	7½	Bracken	9½		9.2	
563½	237½	Butles	253½	-5		
4	1½	Bute	1½			
1076	781	CRA	967	-16	3.0	22.5
55	40	Central Pacific	54	-2		
55	41	Chaff Res	52			
120	76	Coal Inv	85			
225	117	Cons Murchison	145		4.2	4.0
1812½	1262½	De Beers	1750	-18½	3.0	19.7
108½	47	Deelkraal	52	-1	17	
59½	32½	Doornfontein	41½			
997½	710½	Driefontein	712	-1½	5.6	17.8
795½	474½	Durban	474½	-1½		
210½	127½	E Rand Gold	182	-1	12.0	8.4
76½	31½	E Rand Prop	31½			
70	45	Eastern Trans	64		2.3	48.1
450½	271½	Elandsrand	336½	+6½	2.8	11.7
415	328	Eng China Clt	332	-2	6.2	16.1
979½	593½	FS Cons	593½	-6½	4.5	22.0
62	31	FS Dev	35		3.5	
2081½	1418½	GFSA	1662½	-37½	2.3	
63	40	GM Kalgoorli	52	-2	2.3	
244½	188½	Gencor	218½	-4	1.6	19.6
152	118	Gold Fields Prop	150		7.0	6.8
19	12½	Greenwich R A	16	+½		
182½	118½	Brooklyn	153½	-½	5.7	19.6
102½	76½	Emfuli Cons	97½	-½	1.0	19.0
625	457½	Harmony	558½	-2½	1.2	16.4
296½	165½	Hartes	166½	-½	12.1	9.2
1743½	1150	Impala Plat	1265½	-16½	2.4	18.9
132	83	Kidston	83	-2	14.5	7.5
1087½	478½	Kinross	586½	-3½	7.3	7.3
946½	609½	Kloof	609½	-18½	5.4	18.4
124½	65½	Leslie	66½	-½	11.8	5.7
282	174½	Lorraine	180½	-½		
21	12	Maelochara	14			
113	77	MIM	82	-2	2.9	
1825	1250	Minorco	1700	-25	2.4	31.9
181	36	Monarch	59			
110	80	Montagele	105	+5	3.6	8.1
108	84½	NSM	91	-2	5.5	8.1
191	133	Nth Brkn Hill	175	-4	3.0	25.6
50	27	Opes Gold	30			
108	66	Pancontinental	87			
265	123	Peking Tin	180	-10	1.1	
182	116	Placer Pac	117	-3		
499	317	RTZ	495	-2	3.2	13.7
944	721	RTZ	883	-7	3.5	12.8
54	24	Randemoct	45		2.8	11.5
743½	562½	Rand Mines	737½			
727½	320½	Randfontein	356	-1½	9.5	15.0
290	175	Renison	260	-5	1.8	
1752½	1080½	Rustplag	1090½	-16½	3.4	
77	35	St Barbara	38	-3	4.1	8.7
623½	436	St Helena	438	-5½	12.3	6.8
335	207	Sons Beatia	310	-2	3.9	20.0
26	16	Silvern Pacific	21			
2016½	1353½	Southvaal	1506	-6½	5.0	19.9
123	39½	Stilfontein	39½	-½	30.8	4.1
210½	123½	Unisel	178	-4	6.4	13.1
5800	3359½	Vaal Reefs	3587½	-34½	4.5	8.0
19	8	Vlakfnt Col Z	15½	-½	8.0	3.7
1½	1½	Water Hall	1½			
533	473	Wass Basic	513		3.4	17.2
2587½	1653½	Western Deep	1831½	-81½	3.3	9.5
449½	302	Western Mng	405½	-3	1.4	41.6
881½	416½	Winkels	518½	-3½	7.1	10.9
49	30	Zambia Copper	30			
53	29	Zandpan	38		11.4	8.8

OIL & GAS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
56	34	Abbot Group	49			
79½	39½	Asan Energy	76			
56½	41	Aus Oil & Gas	46½	-2½		
58	45	Arna Pet	45			
305	220	Br Borneo	294		3.2	13.7
317½	235	British Gas	239	-2½	7.6	26.2
502	392	Br Petroleum	461	-9	3.4	13.6
3	1	Bula Resources	2½			
999	815	Burmah Castrol	983		3.9	16.1
111	68½	Cairn Energy	110	+1		
290	252	Calor Grp	257	-4	6.1	14.2
57	36	Clyde Pet	52		2.5	10.9
14	5½	Coplex Res	9	-½		
2½	1½	Dragon Oil	1½			
22	18	Edin Oil & Gs	20½			11.5
424	329	Enterprise	333	-3	6.0	18.9
280	230	Flogas	236		5.3	10.7
8½	5	Fortune	7½			57.2
79	62	Goal Pet	68½	-½	2.7	10.5
42	18	Gt Western Res	18			
198	129	Hardy O & G	187	-1	0.7	
7½	4½	Int Tool & Sup	6½			
225	180	JKX Oil & Gas	189			
186	139	LASMO	153	-1	0.8	
56	33	Lastron Utatsy	38		27.3	
76½	58½	Monument	58½			37.2
2918½	2134½	Norsk Hydro	2509½	-87½	1.7	13.8
50	27½	Oceanics	31			
58	38	Oil Search	52			
41½	27½	Petroz	39	-½		
29½	22½	Premier	26			15.8
43	11	Presadio	11			
86	49	Pittencrieff Rs	49		1.3	
388	221	Ramco Egy	356		0.4	49.2
453	330	Ranger	335		6.0	
8143½	6865½	Royal Dtch Pt	7662½	-134½	4.7	14.2
4490½	3218½	Schlumberger	3962½	-16½	2.4	
49	29	Scott Pickford	30		3.8	6.1
116	84	Seahcon	87			45.6
783½	687	Shell	728	-7	4.9	16.2
4228½	3234½	Total	3768½	+38½	4.1	13.4
14½	8½	Villers Grp	14			
325	221	Woodside	303	-2	1.3	
58	33	XCL	35			

OTHER FINANCIAL

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
101	75	BWD	98		5.4	16.0
163	126	Baker Fnd	158	-1	2.6	8.6
78	43	Berry Bch Nbl	43		7.6	12.2
225	148	Bnrss Inv	216	-2		

PHARMACEUTICALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
910	435	Br Biotech	885	-5		
345	103	Cantab Pharm	308			
495	225½	Celltech	472	-12		
325	92½	Chiroscience	279	-22		
117	31	Cortecs	102	+1		
255	103	Fisons	254		2.2	
871	567	Glaxo Wellcome	846	-6	4.4	19.4
294	162	Medeva	277	-4	1.5	17.6
719	273	Scotia	617	+4		
675	444	SmithKline	666	-1	2.5	19.7
662	416	Smithkline Uts	654	-3	2.6	19.3
1210	840	Zeneca	1185	-3	3.0	24.2

PRINTING & PAPER

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
147	120	AG Holdings	140	-1	4.9	13.7
514	377	API	514		2.3	22.4
290	219	Arjo Wiggins	232	-2½	4.0	19.5
48	31	Acatos Grp	44			
234	162	Aspen Comcr	213	-1	3.3	16.3
426	347	Bemrose	396		4.2	12.8
3471½	1675	Bowater Inc	2556½	-21½		
414	350	Bowater Ind	407	-2	1.5	19.0
706	474	Br Polythene	637	-2	2.7	15.8
46	22	Br Thornton	26		9.8	3.2
159	112	Bruton Crrt	159		2.1	16.3
218	169	Bunzl	194	-3	3.4	15.4
187	137	Capital Ind	172		3.7	12.1
2871½	2545½	Carnaud Mtl	2800	-18½	2.2	15.1
314	237	Cropper (James)	292		1.6	16.1
1054	853	De La Rue	890	-17	3.2	10.3
80	52	Delyn Group	64		3.4	9.2
121	93	Dolphin Packt	109		5.4	13.8
100	81	Fairway Group	98		4.7	14.4
362	215	Ferguson Ind	225	-9	7.5	9.7
169	108	Ferry Pickr	134		5.6	12.0
206	138	Everest	184		2.8	16.4
296	245	Jarvis Porter	283		2.7	15.5
548	381	Low & Bonar	512	-1	2.3	15.4
74	58	MY Holdings	71	-1	5.4	
224	152½	Macfarlane	210½	-2½	2.0	19.9
267	156	Photodron	252	-6	3.0	16.9
230	160	Phyzo	208	-1	4.2	23.2
519	370	REXAM	396	-5	4.5	12.8
436	324	St Ives Grp	430½	-1½	2.5	
1329½	978	Sappi	1194½	-20½	0.4	
9½	6	Serif	6			
208	139	Sellas	155		8.9	11.3
678	490	Smith David	577	+1	2.8	11.5
215	162	Smurfit (Jeff)	163	-4	3.9	9.5
99	82	Sonoc	84		4.5	7.2
261	213	Waco	239	-2½	2.9	11.3
236	187	Watmough (J)	230	-1	4.7	14.2
445	350	Watmough	410	+1	2.6	17.5
186	131	Wyndham	185		3.0	17.9

PROPERTY

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
93	68	Allied Lon	69		7.6	6.0
316	255	Argent	302	-5		
90	66	Arlesian Esc	73	-1	2.4	19.0
123	107	Asprit	122		2.4	30.5
258	211	Bellott	238	-3	5.7	15.5
215	140	Birkby	153	-3	6.0	9.3
27	17	Bellon Ind	23			
73	47	Bourne End	47		3.1	62.6
203	171	Bradford	181	-1	4.8	16.1
123	96	Brigmstock	98	+1	5.0	45.6
436	354	Br Land	356	-1	2.5	30.0
200	163	Brixton	164	-1	6.5	25.2
130	81	Burford	124½		1.9	33.2
101	85	CLS Hldgs	95		6.8	13.0
172	131	Cap & Regnl	159		1.8	17.2
225	187	Cap Shop Ctrs	198	-2	4.4	23.6
228	153	Carall Prop	158		2.1	28.6
29½	14	Catlay Inv	15			
190	143	Chesterfield	166	-1	2.0	36.4
468	430	Chesterfield	433		3.8	18.7
88	55	Chesterton Intl	69		5.4	
53	40	City Site Ests	40			
8	5	Clarke Nicklst	6½		4.2	9.3
101	97	Compco	101		4.1	12.7
30	19	Cos Fotelic	24		3.0	26.8
1205	1170	Daejan	1170	-5	3.4	11.3
7	3	Davis Estates	3½			
95	41	Debenham Twrn	42	-½	10.4	7.7
163	138	Dencora	138		3.4	13.6
308	255	Derwent Hldgs	282	-6	2.2	15.2
195	130	Development Sec	137½	-1	3.2	
46	32	Dwyer	33		4.3	12.0
36	36	Eleco	36			
380	250	Estates Agency	352		4.9	
23½	14	Estates Gen	14½			
119	82	Evans Of Leeds	112	-1	3.1	17.7
26	18	Ex-Lands	24½	-½	2.1	33.6
69	52	Fiscal Prop	52	-1	4.6	16.0
20½	23	Five Oaks	23	-1	3.9	
32	16	Fletcher King	16½		7.6	
60	41	Folkes Group	59		3.4	7.8
59	34	Folkes Group nv	57		3.5	7.5
499	405	Frogmore	419	-4	5.1	16.1
282	236	Grainger	256		3.0	14.1
198	159	Gt Portland	159	-3	6.9	12.8
161	117½	Greycoat	139	-1	0.5	
39	22	Hambro Cntrys	30	-1	0.2	
398	310	Hammerson	332	+3	3.9	33.5
332	300	Halcal Bart	319	-1	2.6	12.3
28½	22½	Haningway	27½	-1½	3.7	15.3
13	7	Hamin Baker	13			
50	31	High-Point	31		4.0	
189½	104½	HK Land	110½	-2½	6.5	12.7
165	153	Jermyn	163		1.9	
2	0½	Kendell	1			
645	545	Land Sec	574	-1	5.4	16.6
326	288	London Ind	288		4.3	14.2
37	30	Lon & Assoc	33½	-1	2.5	17.5
9	5	Lon & Metro	5½			
107	86	Lon Merch Sec	95		5.8	21.4
418	358	MEPC	362	-3	6.9	19.7
7½	5½	McInerney A	5½			
165	130	McKay Secs	135		4.8	17.6
80	48	Mersale Mtrt	78		6.0	11.3
32	25	Moorfield Est	30½		4.7	14.4
1250	850	Mountview	1125		3.0	8.1
151	124	Muckow (A&J)	138	-1	6.0	18.3
1	0½	ORB	0½			0.6
32	23	Olives Prop	25	-1	1.5	22.4
145	125	PSIT	132	-1	5.1	15.6
309	204	Peel	309		2.2	
178	145	Pillar Prop	145	-½	2.6	39.7
2½	1½	Power Corp	2			
6½	3½	Premier Land	4½			16.6
101	70	RPS Group	101		3.9	13.3
34	23	Raglan	24½	-½	5.1	10.7
28	18	Regalian	19½			16.6
163	100	Rawlinson Secs	143		2.0	11.1
102	96	Rugby Estt	98		2.7	8.6
57	40	St Modwen Prp	52		4.3	7.6
68	54	Saville Grdn (J)	56	-1	6.7	13.1
53	47	Savills	42	-1	7.3	7.8
81	67	Scot Met	73	-1	4.3	
120	86	Shaftesbury	120		1.6	26.2
243	189	Slough Estates	194	+1	5.2	23.6
220	185	Smart (J)	218		4.9	17.4
55	37	Southend Prop	42		7.5	
110	103	Specly Shops	105	-1	1.5	14.6
56	36	TBI	56	+½	0.4	40.1
167	135	Tops Ests	143		2.0	36.8
104	86	Town Centre	86		4.9	
101	79	Trafford Park	94		4.4	
49	33	UK Land	39	+2	3.2	4.3
61	40	WSP Group	49	+1	5.4	11.0
219	182	Warner	204	-1½	7.0	17.3
235	205	Warnford	205		4.8	17.5
79	63	Wates	68			
35	25	Whitney Mck	25			
66	33	Wood John D	38	+2	6.6	9.4

RETAILERS, FOOD

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
111	64½	ASDA Group	102½	+2½	2.7	17.4
369	254½	Argyll	324	-5	4.6	13.9
718	455	Budgen Bros	680	-3	1.5	20.7
39	29	Budgen	34½	-1	4.0	32.5
18	11½	Cullens	16½		3.8	23.2
89½	50½	Dairy Farm Intl	50½	-3½	7.5	7.4
355	308	Fareom	308		3.1	15.0
55	38	Fitzwilton	50		5.7	21.2
115	98	Fyffes	102	-3	2.0	14.6
200	148	Geest	149	-5	7.0	57.6
1283	1048	Greggs	1165		2.6	16.1
196	142	Iceland Group	167	-1	5.9	10.0
732	519	Kwik Save	679	-2	3.6	12.8
19½	10	Merchant Retail	17			11.6
170	132	Morrison (Wm)	147	-2	1.1	14.6
199	126	Nurdin Peack	193		4.5	30.6
128	83	Park Foods	98		3.7	16.9
30	7½	Regina Hlth	14			
479½	401	Sainsbury J	412	+3	3.5	13.0
339	236	Tesco	302½	-3½	3.7	14.4
175	142	Thorntons	146		4.5	16.7
515	358	Watson & Philip	514	-1	3.8	18.0

RETAILERS, GENERAL

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
80	21	Alexon	62½			
244	167	Allders	177		4.9	10.0
515½	324	Argos Plct	504	-2	2.9	21.3
128	63	Ashley (Laura)	121			
140	54	Asprey	110	+9	1.4	15.1
225	182½	Austin Reed	187		4.0	10.8
146	123	Beattie (J) 'A'	131	-2	6.2	14.3
124	105	Benalist	108	-2	2.5	11.5
66	38	Bettervare	65½		5.0	37.6
50	38	Blacks Leis	44	-1	6.4	22.6
194	107	Body Shop	134		2.4	7.9
595	485	Boots	560	+2	3.8	15.4
54	18	Brown & Jackson	26	-1		
271	205	Brown (N)	270		2.4	20.4
113½	66	Burton	102	-2½	2.5	26.7
150	90	Cantors	97		3.9	18.8
375	235	Carpetright	338	+1	3.9	20.2
219	132	Christies Intl	204	-1	1.4	34.7
480	418	Church	418	-2	4.1	17.2
216	67	Clinton Cards	108	-1	5.9	13.0
140	84	C'ty Casuals	140		4.8	
813	708	Courts Furnsh	740		1.1	21.6
220	183	Crown Eye	195		6.7	8.0
353	238	DFS Furniture	347	+1	3.0	
400	186	Dixons Grp	382	-2	2.4	23.1
580	580	Elys (Wimbldn)	580		1.9	36.9
10	5½	ERA Gp	8½			13.2
161	77	Escot Furn	105		5.5	11.7
236	147	Etam	164		4.8	
460	320	Fine Art Dev	416	-5	1.6	12.8
66	37	Fired Earth	66		1.9	23.8
140	81	Flying Flowers	130		2.1	17.0
296	183	French Conn	183			11.9

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
566	491	Allied Domecq	510	-7		
492½	390	Bulmer (HP)	493			
137	99	Burn Stewart	133			
461½	352	Grand Met	432	-4		
535	404	Guinness	502	-3		
435	327	Highland Dist	347	-6		
217	175	Macallan-Glen	207			
710	600	Macon Wms 'A'	540			
672	332	Matthew Clark	679	-1		
140	81	Mryhen W	134			
240	129	Taunton Cider	236			

SUPPORT SERVICES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
945	620	ADT	875	-22		
41	32	Abtrament	33		1.4	
74	31	Aaro Sec	33			5.9
145	191½	BET Grp	137	-2	4.1	14.2
178	130	BAS Res	134		5.4	
293	230	BPP	283	-5	4.5	
199	137	BSAT	156			
5½	0½	Black & Edg	5½	-½		
1100	560	Borland	987½	-12½		
215	105	Bw Daz Mgt	138	-2	4.9	31.7
89	59	Brooke Service	69		4.9	17.5
120	75	CRT Grp	120		1.9	13.0
255	138	Capita Group	242½		1.2	2.4
100	19½	Caronia Res	21			
359	277½	Chubb Sec	317	-5	2.5	16.5
94	58½	Corp Services	67		4.3	14.8
61	48	Coutts Consig	54		3.3	
102	65	DCS Grp	98		1.9	22.6
356	204	Davis Service	336		4.6	15.9
358	223	Delphi	322	-2	1.4	45.9
107	66	Dudley Jenkins	97		4.4	14.5
94	28	EW Fact	51	-3	7.5	7.1
155	116	El Data Plc	145	-1	1.1	15.0
373	280	Hays	370½	-1½	2.4	
218	145	Hogg Robinson	201	-1	4.7	12.6
3031½	1628½	ISS B DKr	1712½	-3½	1.5	16.3
385	152	JBA Hldgs	383	-2	1.1	40.2
279	227	Johnson Clean	232	-1	5.8	17.1
111	80	Kalamazoo	95	-1	4.2	8.0
345	239	Pearl Sys	330		2.5	11.2
27	11	Laser-Scan	19			
587	77	LBMS	576	-2		
503	301	Logica	482	-3	1.6	23.5
107	49	MDIS	78	-6	5.1	17.1
250	184	MMT Comp	184	-6	3.7	15.9
128	54	MR Data Mngt	68		6.6	45.3
478	368	Macro 4	420		6.5	11.4
2140½	1553½	Manpower	1740½	-6½	0.4	
840	593	Micro Focus	600	-15		
179	102	Microgen	160	-2	5.7	13.7
635	305	Misys	600	-5	1.9	17.1
282	197	MITIE Gp	280		1.3	22.0
42	22	Nono Group	31		3.6	10.0
24	15	OIS Intl	19	+2	2.0	
30	20	Odhs	27	+2	2.4	14.9
151	74	P & P	146	-3	2.4	14.8
175	110	Michael Page	170	-1	2.4	19.0
168	106	Fantyt	162		1.5	29.8
240	158	Pegasus	230	-10	2.7	16.5
110	75	Perkins	76		1.5	
72	33	Proudfoot	32	-1	2.5	
305	200	RCO	206		9.7	8.2
60½	33	Radiuct	51	-1	2.8	14.1
202	150	Real Time	175		3.2	8.7
144	101	Reed Executive	102		2.5	11.7
245	165	Reliance Sec	206		3.5	19.5
335½	242½	Rentokil	311½	-4	1.5	34.1
163	135	Ricardo Group	160		4.5	17.7
293	158	Rolle & Nolan	260	-5	1.9	38.8
287½	137½	Sage Gp	271	-8	1.0	22.4
291	229	Salvesen (C)	237	-3	4.4	12.1
125	79	Sanderson Elec	124	-1	3.2	16.0
17½	11½	Select App	16½			29.2
510	398	Serna Grp	498	-6	1.1	23.7
375	238	Serco Gp	373	-1	1.4	29.2
189	80	Shered Compt	167			
143	83	Sketchley	136	-2	3.1	18.9
22½	11	Standard Ptd	14½			
220	167	Ster-Prust	208	-2	6.0	19.1
578	116	Unipalm	446	-12		
21	11½	Vistec	20½		2.5	
295	245	Warner Howrd	272	-2	3.7	12.0

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
415½	353½	BT	358	-2½	6.0	13.6
449	350½	Cable Wireless	410	-1	2.8	18.3
209	165½	General Cable	189	-3		
147	116½	NYNEX Cable	128	-3		
1765	1475	Securicor	1690	-18	0.3	37.0
1130	900	Securicor 'A'	985	-20	0.4	21.6
1058	728	Security Serv	930	-20	0.9	24.0
195	147	TeleWest	173	-3½		
285½	177½	Vodafone	254	-7½	1.6	32.6

TEXTILES & APPAREL

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
80	50	Albion	51		5.9	2.7
173	115	Alexdra Wt	167	-1	4.6	17.4
256	213	Allied Text	214		4.0	12.6
111	72	Atkins	109		9.3	20.1
34	26	Automagic	26			6.6
246	200	Baird (Wm)	218		5.4	15.2
60	36	Beckman (A)	59		5.4	
288	229	Black (Peter)	280		2.3	17.9
153	111	Brorport-Enrgy	153	+3	2.6	18.0
213	178	Br Mohair	179		6.3	17
28	14	Campari	26½			
185	93	Cherub Prpps	93	-35	10.8	4.2
342	282	Claremont Ga	298	-7	4.0	14.1
221	166	Coats Viyella	190	-1	5.9	13.4
512	410	Courtaulds Text	418	-5	4.6	12.1
135	113	Dalmyan	125		6.0	6.9
120	92½	Dawson	119		3.2	
194	129½	Dewhirst (I)	186	-1	2.0	17.8
41	30	Dinide Heel	34		5.2	8.5
38	25	Drummond	28		3.3	8.9
26	13	Ebsel	15			
68	37	Faupal	37		16.6	5.9
470	260	FII	450		4.1	
151	146	Formocter	150		2.8	11.6
21	15	Foster (John)	16			
95	71	French	71		6.3	14.5
103	72	Gent Sht	89		3.5	8.1
119	85	Haggart	118	-1	3.2	
18½	7½	Hartcone	13½	-½	3.0	41.2
27	15	Helene Plc	16½		15.2	6.6
280	213	Hening Prtrd	279		2.5	18.4
26	20	Hollier	20		3.5	
71	29	Honeysuckle	38	-2	9.9	4.4
133	80	Horace Small	91			7.2
218	182	Jacques Vert	183		4.6	8.4
79	56	Jerome (S)	74		3.0	7.4
465	327	Jones Stroud	413	-15	3.0	15.3
157	118	Lamben	139		6.4	10.7
357	220	Lamont	220	-4	7.4	8.5
306	241	Leeds	253		3.2	13.1
73	56	Locke Wise Gp	57		9.2	9.4
84	59	Lyles (S)	61		5.1	6.8
29½	23½	Marlog	27		3.0	14.1
10	4½	PEX	6			
210	135	Parkland	190		3.6	8.2
147	102	Pentland	116	+1	3.4	18.7
73	41	Pizards	45			
74½	58½	Readicut	69½	-½	6.2	14.9
81	61	Rexmore	69½		6.1	7.3
56	43	Richards	45		5.6	16.8
76	50	SEET	57	+1		
124	75	Sherwood Grp	116		3.6	14.0
142	82	Stolon	97	-2	4.9	6.3
107	90	Sartart	92		7.5	24.8
58	46	Strong Gp	49		5.2	10.7
21	13	Strong & Fisher	17		8.8	17.1
40	29½	Ltt Safety	31		9.9	37.6
184	114	Usher (Frank)	170		7.4	8.6
143	97	Wensum	97	-4	5.7	9.5
325	244	Yorklyde	325		2.9	11.3

TRANSPORT

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
101	61	Air London	93	-2	5.5	
768½	596	All Nippon Air	598½	-4½	0.3	
320	262	Assoc Br Ports	306	-4	2.7	18.3
546	414	BAA	490	+2	2.6	17.5
480½	348	Br Airways	460	-1½	3.4	11.4
51	25	Central Tran R	26			
123	83	Clarkson (H)	110		2.8	18.0
193	153	Clydeport	170		2.6	15.7
182	142	Dart	182		3.2	13.7
324	76½	Eurotunnel Uts	93			
154	131	FirstBus	137	+1	4.1	
80	50	Fisher (James)	80		3.3	16.7
625	403½	Forth Ports	610	-8	2.3	20.4
295	166	Go-Ahead	285		2.1	10.4
273	199	Goode Durrant	241	-2	3.7	11.8
139	100	Ioint Steam	117		4.7	26.2
548	393	Irish Cont	483		1.0	12.0
70	52	Jacobs	69		1.9	
107	67	Lep O'Seas Fds	84	-6	0.8	17.5
485	358	Mersey Docks	458	-3	3.0	17.5
189	142½	NFC	160		5.6	15.2
422	389	Natl Express	405		2.8	16.0
381	261	Ocean Group	372	-1	4.1	22.8
94	68	Ocean Wilson	92	-2	1.8	3.6
637	450	P & O Dfd	477	-1	8.0	12.7
193	167	P & O 5.5%	185	-1	3.7	
89	55	Seacon	63	+2	4.5	35.8
231	158	Servicet	230		2.1	31.5
269	196	Stagecoach	259	-3	2.6	17.0
110	79	TNT	89	-3		
713	418	Tibbet & Britten	435	-8	4.7	14.1
241	184	TDG	194	-3	6.1	12.8
113	76	Uglandt	78		5.9	12.9
113	77	Utd Carriers	82		7.5	15.5

WATER

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
603	443	Anglian	556	-10	5.8	8.5
366	295	Mid Kent Hdgs	358		4.4	9.7
641	467½	North West	585	-8	6.5	8.1
1033	676	Northumbrian	1000	-5	3.5	8.6
669	475	Severn Trent	643	-10	5.6	7.5
2285	1855	South Staffs	2280		3.7	13.7
555	450	South West	502	-7	6.8	7.0
731	517	Southern	679	-9	4.8	8.8
568	458	Thames	520	+2	6.1	7.3
781	592½	Welsh	754	-9	6.7	9.0
105½	100½	Welsh Cnv Pd	103½	-½		
361	256½	Wessex	325	-8	4.9	8.4
677½	472	Yorkshire	618	-10	6.6	9.9

Source: Fiscal

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BRITISH FUNDS

1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
106⅞	101⅝	Treas 14% 1996	101⅝	-⅛	13.78	6.60
109⅜	104⅜	Treas 15¼% 1996	104⅜	-⅛	14.61	6.53
107⅛	103⅜	Exch 13¼% 1996	103⅜	-⅛	12.79	6.58
104⅞	103⅜	Conv 10% 1996	103⅜	-⅛	9.66	6.60
100⅝	97⅛	Treas 7% 1997	100⅛	-⅛	6.98	6.75
108⅝	107⅛	Treas 13¼% 1997	107⅛	-⅛	12.37	6.59
105⅞	104⅛	Exch 10½% 1997	104⅞	-⅛	10.03	6.60
103⅛	100⅝	Treas 8¾% 1997	103⅛	-⅛	8.47	6.72
117⅛	114⅝	Exch 15% 1997	114⅝	-⅛	13.06	6.85
107⅝	102⅝	Exch 9¾% 1998	105⅛	-⅛	9.24	6.95
101⅞	96⅝	Treas 7¼% 1998	100⅞	-⅛	7.22	7.03
99⅞	94⅝	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	99	-⅛	6.82	7.16
117⅝	114⅝	Treas 14% 1998-01	115⅝	-⅛	12.09	7.11
124⅝	120⅝	Treas 15½% 1998	121⅝	-⅛	12.76	7.14
114⅝	109⅝	Exch 12% 1998	112⅝	-⅛	10.65	7.24
107⅝	100⅝	Treas 9½% 1999	106⅝	-⅛	8.95	7.25
116⅝	111⅝	Exch 12¼% 1999	114⅝	-⅛	10.69	7.31
110⅝	105⅝	Treas 10½% 1999	109⅝	-⅛	9.57	7.31
96⅝	89⅝	Treas 6% 1999	95⅝	-⅛	6.28	7.35
110⅝	105⅝	Conv 10¼% 1999	109⅝	-⅛	9.34	7.41
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
106⅞	100⅝	Conv 9% 2000	105⅝	-⅛	8.51	7.41
103⅝	96⅝	Treas 8% 2000	102⅝	-⅛	7.83	7.46
123⅝	117	Treas 13% 2000	121⅝	-⅛	10.72	7.52
111⅝	104⅝	Treas 10% 2001	110⅝	-⅛	9.07	7.59
97⅝	90⅝	Treas 7% 2001	96⅝	-⅛	7.24	7.65
111⅝	103⅝	Treas 9¾% 2002	109⅝	-⅛	8.87	7.82
102⅝	94⅝	Treas 8% 2003	100⅝	-⅛	7.96	7.89
113⅝	105⅝	Treas 10% 2003	111⅝	-⅛	8.94	7.91
118	110⅝	Treas 11½% 2001-04	116⅝	-⅛	9.90	7.74
80⅝	70⅝	Fund 3½% 1999-04	78⅝	-⅛	4.43	6.71
111⅝	103⅝	Conv 9½% 2004	109⅝	-⅛	8.71	8.00
93⅝	85⅝	Treas 6¾% 2004	91⅝	-⅛	7.36	8.04
105⅝	97⅝	Treas 8½% 2005	102⅝	-⅛	8.26	8.06
111⅝	103⅝	Conv 9½% 2005	109⅝	-⅛	8.71	8.08
127⅝	119⅝	Treas 12½% 2003-05	125⅝	-⅛	9.93	8.04
99⅝	92⅝	Treas 7¾% 2006	97⅝	-⅛	7.97	8.05
101⅝	93⅝	Treas 8% 2002-06	99⅝	-⅛	8.05	8.08
122⅝	113⅝	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120⅝	-⅛	9.78	7.99
105⅝	97⅝	Treas 8½% 2007	102⅝	-⅛	8.30	8.14
136⅝	126⅝	Treas 13½% 2004-08	132⅝	-⅛	10.18	8.05
110⅝	101⅝	Treas 9% 2008	106⅝	-⅛	8.45	8.16
102⅝	94	Treas 8% 2009	98⅝	-⅛	8.15	8.19
LONGS (over 15 years)						
86⅝	79⅝	Treas 6¼% 2010	82⅝	-⅛	7.54	8.23
111⅝	101⅝	Conv 9% 2011	106⅝	-⅛	8.45	8.23
111⅝	102⅝	Treas 9% 2012	106⅝	-⅛	8.43	8.24
80⅝	72⅝	Treas 5½% 2008-12	78⅝	-⅛	7.05	7.94
102⅝	93⅝	Treas 8% 2013	97⅝	-⅛	8.19	8.24
99⅝	91⅝	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	95⅝	-⅛	8.15	8.25
110⅝	100⅝	Treas 8¾% 2017	104⅝	-⅛	8.37	8.27
139⅝	127⅝	Exch 12% 2013-17	133⅝	-⅛	8.96	8.32
UNDATED						
45⅝	40⅝	War Ln 3½%	42⅝	-⅛	8.32	
31⅝	28⅝	Treas 2½%	29⅝	-⅛	8.39	
49⅝	45⅝	Consols 4%	47⅝	-⅛	8.47	
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:					10%	5%
212⅝	201⅝	Treas IL 2% 1996	213⅝		0.38	3.31
212⅝	105⅝	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	111⅝		2.14	3.27
177⅝	165⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2001	176	-⅛	3.13	3.62
173⅝	161⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2003	172⅝	-⅛	3.27	3.65
115⅝	109⅝	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	114⅝	-⅛	3.28	3.63
180⅝	168⅝	Treas IL 2% 2006	180⅝	-⅛	3.35	3.62
169⅝	152⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2009	163⅝	-⅛	3.42	3.66
171⅝	157⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2011	169⅝	-⅛	3.46	3.67
147⅝	129⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2013	138⅝	-⅛	3.49	3.67
150⅝	137⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2016	148⅝		3.53	3.71
147⅝	131⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2020	142⅝	-⅛	3.58	3.73
120⅝	113⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2024	118⅝		3.57	3.71
119⅝	108⅝	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	117		3.57	3.72

England casts shadow on European tournament

By David Hands
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

IN THE weekend preceding the start of the inaugural European rugby union club tournament, the participating clubs await decisions on the distribution of the sponsorship money. They also wish to know whether England and Scotland, the two home countries who are not participating, will receive any financial share this year.

That decision comes up for review in Dublin next month and, though it seems illogical that non-participants should have a financial involvement, the question arises because England and Scotland contribute directors to European Rugby Cup Ltd, the company established by the five nations to run the tournament.

However much the organisers may emphasise that the involvement of television and sponsors is non-conditional, there is a clear expectation on the part of ITV that England — where the biggest viewing population resides — will join in next season. It has laid out much seed money in the hope that the straggling plant that pokes its head into the world inRomania on Wednesday, when Constanta Farul play Toulouse, will blossom into a glorious commercial flower.

The sponsoring company for the tournament has yet to be confirmed largely because of a final decision on the naming of the winner's trophy. Not unnaturally, the company seeks to have its name attached whereas rugby interests have suggested the trophy will be the European Cup, sponsored by . . .

It is England's contention that the package can be made far more attractive by building it into a revised competitive framework and playing at weekends — possibly Sundays — which would also conform with continental habits.

The European partners would not necessarily disagree but England's apparently lukewarm support for this season has irritated them — as, indeed, it has England's leading clubs, who would happily have joined in the inaugural event. The extent of the Rugby Football Union's (RFU) grand design, however, may be known on November 8 when the conclusions of its study group are published.

In the meantime, England's clubs make the best of what they have: the eighth weekend of the Courage Clubs Championship. Dean Richards returns to lead Leicester after completing his two-match suspension. Niall Malone, the Irishman, steps up at stand-off half against a Bristol side deprived by illness of Kyran Bracken, which leaves Ben Harvey making his league debut at scrum half.



Richards: makes return

Malone was selected in Ireland's most recent international squad, as was Christian Saverimutto, the Sale scrum half who plays today at West Hartlepool, where he will be watched by Murray Kidd, the new Ireland coach. Another Irishman, Simon Geoghegan, displaces Adedayo Adebayo for Bath against Saracens.

Bath allow Mike Catt to rest his bruised ankle and Harlequins have refused to confirm which of their potential internationals will turn out against Gloucester. Jason Leonard, an absentee all season, will travel to Kingsholm, as will Paul Challinor and Will Greenwood, but they are by no means certain to play.

Leonard has been resting a damaged shoulder muscle but wants three club matches before taking his accustomed place in the England front row against South Africa next month — the slimmed-down squad for that match trains at Marlow tomorrow. If he fails a fitness test, Simon Brown will play, and Challinor and Greenwood stand by in case David Pears — who did not require an X-ray on his bruised shin last week — and Peter Mensah fall by the way.

Nick Greenstock, the RFU's young player of the year last season, has been champing at the bit since September waiting for a first-XV game with Wasps. His opportunity comes at Orrell, where he replaces Aaron James at centre in a side desperate to steady the ship after the withdrawal of Newcastle's raiding party.

Taylor misses match with Fijians

HEMI TAYLOR, selected to play No 8 for Wales against Fiji next month, will miss Cardiff's meeting with the touring side today (David Hands writes). Taylor has strained a leg muscle but Cardiff nevertheless field nine internationals against a Fijian side anxious to erase the memory of defeat by Neath in midweek.

"It'll be a true challenge of amateur against professional," Brad Johnstone, the Fijian technical adviser, said. "Rugby for pride against rugby for dollars." That is, the Fijian have-nots against the Cardiff haves, though whether the Heineken League champions regard themselves in that light is debatable.

Only two members of the Fijian party have been offered contracts in New Zealand rugby, which will only earn them substantial cash if they play in the designated premier competitions. The most-established player is Paula Bale, the Canterbury wing, who plays against Cardiff in a team where the front row includes the massive 22st bulk of Billy Cavubati and the more modest 20st of the captain, Joeli Veitayaki.

Meanwhile, Western Samoa, who arrive in Scotland on Thursday to begin their 12-match British tour, have lost their powerful young wing, George Harder, to rugby league. He is the seventh Samoan to join league since the World Cup, in his case with Brisbane Broncos.

New Zealand play the first international of their European tour, against Italy in Bologna, today. They have sent for Carlos Spencer, the uncapped Auckland stand-off half, because of concerns over a leg injury suffered by Andrew Mehrtens.

Hershiser draws on experience to rally Cleveland

From Keith Blackmore
IN CLEVELAND

WHEN last we saw Orel Hershiser, he was lying face down in the dust, the victim of a pitching duel in the first game of baseball's World Series between his team, Cleveland Indians, and Atlanta Braves. In the days that followed, few experts had been able to resist kicking him while he was down.

But the old gunslinger was back on his feet on Thursday night. Having dusted himself down, he strode to the pitcher's mound and cut down the man who beat him last Saturday, Greg Maddux, probably the sharpest shooter in the sport. In doing so, Hershiser kept the best-of-seven series alive. The Indians won game five 5-4, and cut Atlanta's lead to 3-2.

Much had been made of Hershiser's sudden departure in the seventh inning in game one. He said that he had taken himself out for the good of the team because he was losing control of his pitches. His manager, the gentlemanly Mike Hargrove, admitted that he had been "dumbfounded" by Hershiser's withdrawal.

There was a suspicion that the pitcher had grown frustrated and forgotten his obligations to the team. After all, Hershiser, 37, had no practice at losing, never mind losing gracefully. He had won his seven previous starts in play-off games and had once pitched 59 consecutive scoreless innings for the Los Angeles Dodgers, a Major League record.

Hershiser, who had grown used to being a hero, did not much like being cast as a villain. "It was the first time I had been involved in anything controversial in my career," he said. "It was important for me to get back out there and show the intensity and leadership I was brought here for, and not look like somebody who walked off the mound without the good of the team in mind."

He spent the hours building up to game five signing autographs, and walked to the mound "feeling the most peace I have ever felt before a big game". He then pitched the Indians to their do-or-die victory.

He received plenty of help. In the first inning, Albert Belle rang for the second time in two days, producing a two-run homer into right-field. The Braves pulled that back with an unlikely home run from the light-hitting Luis Polonia, and a single from Marquis Grissom that scored Ryan Klesko. The Indians regained their lead when Jim Thome and Manny Ramirez singled in runs, but in the eighth, the Braves seemed about to rally.

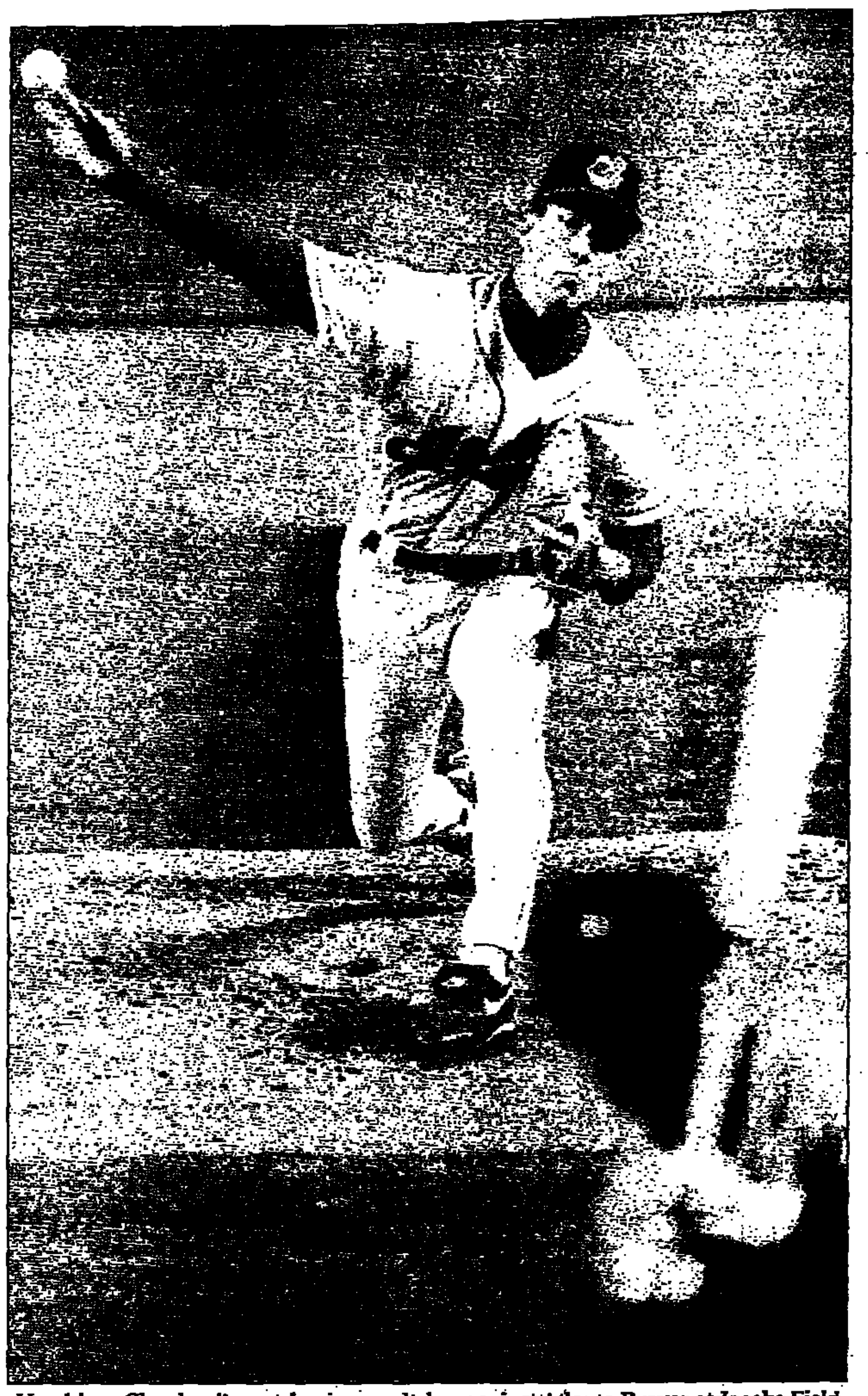
With a man on first, Grissom lashed a pitch straight back at Hershiser. "It was headed straight for my gut," the pitcher said. "I stuck my glove out in self-defence and, thank God, I remembered to throw to first base." Those two outs ended the inning and Hershiser's contribution, but this time there was no controversy. It was time for the Indians' feared closer, José Mesa, to make an appearance.

Before he did so, Thome did it again, this time producing an immense home run into the centre-field seats to extend the lead to 5-2. It seemed like icing on the cake, but when Klesko produced his third homer in as many games, scoring Fred McGriff in the process, the deficit was reduced to one. The crowd, which had been merrily creating a bell-ringing, Klaxon-blaring bedlam, was suddenly silent. Then Mesa struck out Mark Lemke to end the game, and the din resumed.

For the Braves, the agonising wait goes on. Their manager, Bobby Cox, reflected on the crucial moment. "Grissom hit one as hard as you can and still the pitcher caught it and made a double play. Just two, three feet, either side, and things might have been different."

Maddux, who had been almost unhittable on Saturday, had not been at his best, but there was evidence that the Indians had found a way to play him. Hershiser said: "Our guys have studied films, they have talked among themselves. They did not want to be the same team that lost to Maddux the first time."

Tonight, the Indians must work out how to hit Tom Glavine and force a decisive final game, also back in Atlanta, the next evening. Hershiser, meanwhile, can rest, knowing that his reputation as one of the great World Series pitchers has been restored.



Hershiser, Cleveland's match-winner, pitches against Atlanta Braves at Jacobs Field

GAME FIVE DETAILS

Team	Inning scores									Runs	Hits	Errors
Atlanta	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	4	7	0
Cleveland	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	X	5	8	1

Students take the professional course

David Hands hears an Oxford University debate on rugby union's new direction

The youth, gilded or not, of Oxford University cast their vote in favour of professional rugby on Thursday night. In doing so they linked themselves directly to the debates which have taken place in England since August, when the International Rugby Football Board agreed to open rugby, and which will culminate in the Rugby Football Union's own special general meeting at the end of the year.

That those who voted by a ratio of 3-1 at the Oxford meeting were swayed by the quality of argument must be doubted. The strident tones of Stuart Barnes and Phil de Glanville in favour of professionalism were more than matched by Simon Halliday's reasoned riposte and the affectionate backward glance of Frank Keating, of The Guardian, but the air was thick with anomaly. No one raised the obvious spectre that the standing of Oxford and Cambridge rugby, already weakened by the advent of league rugby, will be further marginalised by a professional game.

The greatest cheer of the night came for speakers from the floor who queried whether rugby under the ancien régime had really been so bad anyway. But if Oxford accepted, in however confused a manner, that professionalism was here to stay, they did no more than, say, Orrell's members who also gathered in open forum this week.

There was general agreement at Edgehall Road that professionalism was inevitable. Living cheek-by-jowl with rugby league, Orrell are more aware than most that any present threat to their players comes not from the 13-a-side code, but from their wealthier brothers in rugby union.

Their management acknowledged that the commercial operation of the club would have to be improved, knowing at the same time that all non-membership income will attract the attention of the Inland Revenue.

Back at Oxford, a South African voice brought the debate to its bottom line. Would money, Nico Basson, from Stellenbosch, inquired, help England to win the 1999 World Cup? Over the past century rugby has mattered more to the southern-hemisphere nations; they have understood the fundamentals of the game better, whether player or coach, and consequently they keep winning. Professionalism does not buy understanding.

COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

FA Carling Premiership

(1) Aston Villa v Everton
(2) Blackburn v Chelsea
(3) Leeds v Coventry
(4) Liverpool v Manchester City
(5) Manchester Utd v Middlesbrough
(6) Queens Park Rangers v Nottm For
(7) Sheffield Wednesday v West Ham
(8) Wimbledon v Southampton

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle	10	9	0	1	26	7	27
Man Utd	10	7	2	1	21	11	23
Arsenal	10	6	3	1	15	5	21
Middlesbrough	10	6	3	1	11	4	21
Liverpool	10	6	2	2	18	8	20
Nottm Forest	10	5	5	0	18	11	20
Aston Villa	10	5	2	3	12	8	17
Leeds	10	5	2	3	14	12	17
Tottenham	10	4	3	3	15	13	15
Chelsea	10	4	3	3	11	11	15
Blackburn	10	3	2	5	13	15	11
Sheff Wed	10	3	2	5	9	12	11
West Ham	10	2	4	4	9	12	10
Wimbledon	10	3	1	6	14	23	10
Everton	10	2	3	5	12	15	9
QPR	10	3	0	7	9	16	9
Coventry	10	1	4	5	7	18	7
Southampton	10	1	3	6	9	19	6
Bolton	10	1	2	7	11	22	5
Man City	10	0	2	8	3	15	2

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

(-) Derby v Oldham
(9) Grimsby v Stoke
(10) Leicester v Crystal Palace
(11) Millwall v West Bromwich
(12) Portsmouth v Watford
(13) Reading v Ipswich
(14) Southend v Huddersfield
(15) Sunderland v Barnsley
(16) Wolverhampton v Sheffield Utd

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leicester	13	7	4	2	22	15	25
Millwall	13	7	4	2	15	10	25
West Brom	13	7	3	3	19	13	24
Birmingham	13	6	4	3	22	13	22
Sunderland	13	5	6	2	15	12	21
Tranmere	12	5	5	2	20	12	20
Oldham	13	5	5	3	18	13	20
Norwich	13	5	5	3	18	14	20
Barnsley	13	5	4	4	20	25	19
Charlton	13	4	6	3	17	13	18
Huddersfield	13	5	2	6	17	20	17
Grimsby	13	4	5	4	13	15	17
Southend	13	5	2	6	12	16	17
Ipswich	13	4	4	5	20	20	16
Reading	13	3	6	4	17	18	15
Stoke	13	3	6	4	15	18	15
Derby	13	3	6	4	14	17	15
Wolves	13	3	5	5	17	19	14
Watford	13	3	5	5	16	17	14
Crystal Palace	12	3	5	4	13	15	14
Luton	13	3	3	7	10	16	12
Sheff Utd	13	3	2	8	17	25	11
Port Vale	13	2	5	6	11	16	11
Portsmouth	13	2	4	7	15	21	10

LEAGUE OF WALES: Barry v Newtown (2.30). Briton Ferry v Flint Town. Caersws v Porthmadog. Cemaes Bay v Aberystwyth. Conwy v Llanelli. Cwmbran v Bangor City (2.30). Holywell v Ton Pentre. Llansantffraid v Connah's Quay. Rhyl v Caernarfon.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cambridge City v Ilkeston. Crawley v Newport AFC. Dorchester v Chelmsford. Gloucester v Hastings. Gravesend and Northfleet v Burton. Halesowen v Atherstone. Merthyr v Rushden and Diamonds. Salisbury v Cheltenham. Stafford v Gresley. Sudbury T v Baldock. VS Rugby v Worcester. Southern division: Ashford v Cinderford. Braintree v Clevedon. Fareham v Weymouth. Fisher 93 v Bashley. Forest Green v Tonbridge Angels. Havant v Margate. Sittingbourne v Waterlooville. Trowbridge v Fleet T. Weston-super-Mare v Poole. Witney v Erith and Belvedere. Yate v Newport IoW. Midland division: Buckingham Town v Moor Green. Bury Town v Sutton Coldfield. Corby v Tamworth. Dudley Town v Redditch. Evesham v Leicester United. Grantham v RC Warwick. Nuneaton v Kings Lynn. Paget v Hinckley Town. Solihull v Bridgnorth.

Second division

(17) Blackpool v Oxford Utd
(18) Bournemouth v Carlisle
(19) Bradford v Burnley
(20) Brighton v Bristol Rovers
(21) Bristol City v Walsall
(22) Crewe v Brentford
(23) Notts County v Swindon
(24) Peterborough v York
(25) Shrewsbury v Rotherham
(26) Stockport v Chesterfield
(27) Wrexham v Swansea
(28) Wycombe v Hull

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon	13	10	2	1	28	10	32
Notts County	13	7	4	2	17	9	25
Crewe	12	7	3	2	24	13	24
Blackpool	13	7	2	4	18	13	23
Burnley	13	6	4	3	18	12	22
Chesterfield	13	6	3	4	19	12	21
Wycombe	13	5	6	2	18	11	21
Bradford	13	6	2	5	19	21	20
Bristol Rovers	13	6	2	5	16	19	20
Stockport	13	5	5	3	15	10	20
Rotherham	13	5	3	5	17	16	18
Oxford Utd	13	4	5	4	17	15	17
Wrexham	13	4	5	4	16	17	17
Bournemouth	13	5	2	6	16	19	17
Swansea	13	3	6	4	15	19	15
Brentford	13	4	3	6	11	13	15
Peterborough	13	3	5	5	14	21	14
York	13	4	2	7	13	17	14
Bristol City	12	3	5	4	11	14	14
Walsall	13	3	4	6	14	15	13
Shrewsbury	13	3	2	8	15	24	11
Carlisle	13	2	5	6	13	20	11
Brighton	13	2	3	8	11	23	9
Hull	13	1	5	7	7	19	8

Third division

(29) Cardiff v Colchester
(30) Darlington v Plymouth
(31) Doncaster v Preston
(32) Exeter v Lincoln
(33) Fulham v Hereford
(34) Hartlepool v Gillingham
(35) Leyton Orient v Wigan
(36) Mansfield v Bury
(37) Northampton v Barnet
(38) Rochdale v Cambridge Utd
(39) Scarborough v Chester
(40) Torquay v Scunthorpe

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Gillingham	13	8	3	2	21	5	27
Preston	13	6	6	1	29	14	24
Chester	13	7	3	3	22	14	24
Plymouth	13	7	2	4	25	15	23
Rochdale	13	6	4	3	25	13	22
Colchester	13	6	4	3	21	14	22
Cambridge Utd	13	5	4	4	21	21	19
Wigan	13	5	4	4	18	17	19
Leyton Orient	13	5	4	4	17	15	19
Northampton	13	5	3	5	17	14	18
Darlington	13	4	6	3	14	12	18
Doncaster	13	5	3	5	11	17	18
Exeter	13	4	5	4	15	18	17
Scarborough	13	4	4	5	15	17	16
Cardiff	13	4	4	5	14	14	16
Fulham	13	3	6	4	19	18	15
Hereford	13	3	6	4	19	19	15
Hartlepool	13	4	3	6	12	21	15
Mansfield	13	2	8	3	19	24	14
Scunthorpe	12	3	5	5	13	15	14
Bury	13	3	5	5	13	24	14
Barnet	13	2	5	6	12	22	11
Torquay	13	2	4	7	14	23	10
Lincoln	13	1	3	9	10	30	6

Vauxhall Conference

(—) Altrincham v Dover
(—) Bath v Gateshead
(—) Dagenham & R v Kidderminster
(—) Farnborough v Halifax
(—) Hednesford v Southport
(—) Macclesfield v Welling
(—) Morecambe v Bromsgrove
(—) Runcorn v Kettering
(—) Stalybridge v Woking
(—) Stevenage v Northwich
(—) Telford v Slough

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Galway v Bohemians (7.0)

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Brislington v Bristol Manor Farm. Taunton v Frome. Westbury v Calne.

Bell's Scottish League

Premier division

(41) Celtic v Aberdeen
(42) Falkirk v Hearts
(43) Hibernian v Kilmarnock
(44) Partick v Motherwell
(45) Raith v Rangers

First division

(46) Airdrie v Dundee
(47) Clydebank v Hamilton
(48) Dumbarton v Greenock Morton
(49) Dundee Utd v Dunfermline
(50) St Johnstone v St Mirren

Second division

(51) Ayr v East Fife
(52) Forfar v Clyde
(53) Queen Of South v Montrose
(54) Stirling v Berwick
(55) Stranraer v Stenhousemuir

Third division

(56) Albion v Alloa
(57) Brechin v Caley This
(58) Cowdenbeath v Queen's Park
(—) Livingston v Arbroath
(—) Ross County v East Stirling

ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Grays. Bishop's Stortford v Enfield. Boreham Wood v Kingstonian. Bromley v Yeovil. Carshalton v Hitchin. Dulwich v Worthing. Harrow v Molesey. Hayes v Yeading. Purfleet v Hendon. St Albans v Chertsey. Walton and Hersham v Sutton United. First division: Barton Rovers v Basingstoke. Bognor Regis v Billericay. Chesham v Aldershot Town. Leyton Pennant v Abingdon Town. Maidenhead United v Berkhamsted. Marlow v Uxbridge. Oxford City v Wokingham. Thame v Staines. Tooting and Mitcham v Barking. Wembley v Heybridge Swifts. Whyteleafe v Ruislip Manor. Second division: Canvey Island v Hemel Hempstead. Leatherhead v Metropolitan Police. Wivenhoe v Newbury. Third division: Harefield v Hornchurch. Tring v Epsom and Ewell.

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley v Matlock. Bamber Bridge v Emley. Barrow v Hyde. Boston v Blyth Spartans. Buxton v Marine. Droylsden v Bishop Auckland. Guiseley v Winsford. Knowsley v Frickley. Leek v Chorley. Spennymoor v Colwyn Bay. Witton v Gainsborough. First division: Atherton v Ashton United. Atherton LR v Lancaster. Curzon Ashton v Great Harwood. Farsley Celtic v Fleetwood. Gretna v Eastwood Town. Harrogate Town v Congleton. Lincoln United v Warrington. Netherfield v Leigh. Workington v Worksop.

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Bowers v Gt Wakering. Eton Manor v Hullbridge Sp. Southend Manor v East Ham. Cup. First round replay: Burnham Ramblers v Stansted.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Brimsdown v Woolwich. Cockfosters v Amersham. Hanwell v Tufnell Pk. St Margaretsbury v Croydon. Tottenham Omada v Hillingdon. Willesden (Hawkeye) v Brook House. Cup: Second round, first leg: Corinthian-Casuals v Waltham Abbey.

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ash v Viking Sp. Bedfont v Merstham. Chipstead v Eton Wick. Farnham v Reading. Feltham v Horley. Raynes Park v DCA Basingstoke. Hartley Wintney v Westfield. Sandhurst v Cobham.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Cambridge Utd v Norwich. Gillingham v Southend. Ipswich v Arsenal. QPR v Portsmouth. Tottenham Hotspur v Leyton Orient. Watford v Millwall.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE. Premier division: Brache Sparta v Harpenden. Buckingham Athletic v Letchworth. Dunstable v London Colney. Welwyn Garden v Toddington. Shillington v Hatfield. Milton Keynes v Potters Bar.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division. Diss v Soham. Gt Yarmouth v Sudbury. Haverhill v Sudbury. March v Felixstowe. Tiptree v Watton.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Aerostructures v BAT. Brockenhurst v Whitchurch. Downton v Thatcham. East Cowes v Christchurch. Petersfield v Cowes Sp. Swanage and Herston v Portsmouth.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Arundel v Crowborough. Eastbourne Town v Mile Oak. Langney Sports v Portfield. Ringmer v Oakwood. Three Bridges v Southwick.

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Abingdon United v Fairford. Burnham v Bicester. Didcot v Lambourn Sports. Endsleigh v Highworth. Tuffley v Carterton.

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Bolehall S v Armitage. Chasetown v Sandwell. Kimpersley V v Stratford T. Pelsall v Stapenhill.

ENDSLEIGH MIDLAND COMBINATION. Premier division: Chelmsley v Upton. Coleshill v Kings Heath. Knowle v W Mids Fire Service. Northfield v Wellesbourne. Olton Royale v Mile Oak. Studley v Ansells. Southam v Alvechurch Villa.

BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division. Hill Top v Malvern. Lichfield v Brierley Hill. Ludlow v Ettingshall. Westfields v Stafford T. Wolverhampton C v Cradley.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE. First division: Consett v Ferryhill. Durham v Peterlee. Eppleton CW v Seaham RS. Murton v Tow Law. Shildon v Guisborough. Stockton v Billingham. W Auckland v Dunston Fed. Whitby v Chester-le-Street.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Chadderton v Blackpool Rovers. Mossley v Darwen. Prescot v Penrith. Rossendale v Holker Old Boys.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Bangor v Crusaders. Cliftonville v Glenavon. Glentoran v Ards. Portadown v Linfield. First division: Ballyclare v Ballymena. Coleraine v Newry. Distillery v Omagh. Larne v Carrick.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: First division: Carshalton v South Bank. Civil Service v O Esthameians. Crouch End Vampires v Norsemen. National Westminster Bank v East Barnet OG. Second division: Lensbury v O Parmiterians: O Latymerians v Alexandra Park. Third division: O Salesians v Broomfield.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Arthur Dunn Cup: Foresters v Westminsters. Witterians v Harrovians. Premier division: Chigwellians v Etonians. First division: Ardinians v Haileyburians. Brentwoods v Wellingburians. Haberdashers v Salopians. Wykehamists v Bradfieldians.

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: Senior one. St Mary's College v Albanian. Senior two: Wandsworth Boro v Ealing Assoc.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Cardinal Manning v O Ignatians: Clapham v Glyn. O Hamptonians v O Meadonians. Senior first division: Chertsey v O Suttonians. O Kingsburians v Phoenix. O Manorians v O Salvatorians.

AFA SENIOR CUP: Second qualifying round: Alleyn OB v Reigate Priory. Barclays Bank v Merton. Corinthian Casuals A v Arnold and Carlton Coll. Fulham Compton OB v Bank of England. Hadley v Ulysses. Hale End v O Dorkinians. Hampstead Heathens v O Westminster Citizens. John Fisher OB v O Owens. Leyton County OB v Parkfield. Lloyds Bank v City of London. London Airways v London Welsh. Midland Bank v O Fairlopians. Mill Hill County OB v Winchmore Hill. Mill Hill Village v Southgate County. Nottsborough v O Buckwellians: O Actonians Assoc v O Simmarobians: O Aloysians v Enfield. O Camdenians v O Bealonians. O Cholmeleians v Centymca. O Colfeians v O Lyonian: O Danes v O Elizabethans. O Finchleians v O Stationers. O Grocers v Witan. O Parkonians v O Bromleians: O Tenisonians v O Edmontonians. O Tiffinians v Nottinghamshire. O Tollingtonians v O Wokingians. O Vaughanians v O Woodhouseians: Westhamians v BBC. O Wilsonians v O Reptonians. Pegasus Inner Temple v O Malvernian. Polygons v William Fitt. Polytechnic v Brentham: Shene OG v O Monovians. Southgate Olympic v Kew Association. UCL Academicals v Ibis.

SCHOOLS MATCHES (10.30 unless stated): London Hawk Trophy (under-16): Barking v Blackheath. London Corinthian Shield (under-15): Barking v Harrow. London Sun Shield (under-14): Barking v Newham (9.15). Harrow v Havering: Islington v Blackheath. London Crisp Shield: Bexley v Camden. Croydon v Islington: Harrow v Brent. Watford Cup: Basildon v Newham. Lancashire Senior Cup (under-15). Burnley v Blackburn. Wrennall Cup (under-14): Burnley v Blackburn. Merseyside Cup: Wirral v Halton. Inter-association: Derby v Huddersfield. Hull v Leeds: Luton v Brent. Orpington v Hackney. South Notts v Sheffield (10.0). Vale of Whitehorse v Mid Oxon. Wigan v Kirkby Knowsley. Welsh shield (under-15): Cardiff v Rhymney Valley. Welsh Glyncoed Shield (under-14): Cardiff v Afan Nedd.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Halifax World Cup

Final

England v Australia (at Wembley, 2.50)

RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

CIS Insurance tour match

Cardiff v Fijians (2.30)

Courage Clubs Championship

First division

Bath v Saracens
Gloucester v Harlequins
Leicester v Bristol
Orrell v Wasps (2.15)
West Hartlepool v Sale

Second division

London Irish v Blackheath
London Scottish v Newcastle
Moseley v Bedford
Nottingham v Wakefield
Waterloo v Northampton

Third division

Coventry v Rotherham
Harrogate v Richmond
Morley v Rosslyn Park
Otley v Rugby
Reading v Fylde

Fourth division

Aspatria v Walsall (2.30)
Havant v London Welsh
Liverpool St Helens v Exeter
Plymouth v Clifton
Redruth v Leeds

Fifth division north

Birmingham Solihull v Kendal
Broughton Park v Sandal
Lichfield v Worcester
Preston G'hoppers v Winnington Pk
Sheffield v Stoke
Wharfedale v Stourbridge

Fifth division south

Barking v Berry Hill
Camberley v Lydney (2.30)
Henley v Cheltenham (2.30)
Met Police v High Wycombe
North Walsham v Weston-super-Mare
Tabard v Camborne

LONDON: First division: Charlton Pk v O Colfeians; Ealing v Southend; Harlow v O Mid-Whitgiftians; Staines v Esher; Sudbury v Ruislip; Sutton v Guildford & G.

SOUTH WEST: First division: Barnstaple v Gloucester OB. Maidenhead v Torquay. Newbury v Matson; Salisbury v Brixham. St Ives v Sherborne; Taunton v Cinderford.

MIDLANDS: First division: Broadstreet v Wolverhampton; Burton v Stafford. Hereford v Syston; Leamington v Whitchurch; Mansfield v Leighton Buzzard; Westleigh v Camp Hill.

NORTH: First division: Bradford and Bingley v Widnes: Bridlington v Huddersfield. Macclesfield v York; Middlesbrough v Manchester. Tynedale v West Park Bramhope; Wigton v Stockton.

Heineken League

First division

Aberavon v Ebbw Vale (2.30)
Bridgend v Swansea (2.30)
Newbridge v Treorchy (2.30)
Newport v Llanelli (2.30)
Pontypridd v Neath (2.30)

Second division

Caerphilly v Llanharan (2.30)
Dunvant v Cross Keys (2.30)
Llandovery v Abercynon (2.30)
Pontypool v Bonymaen (2.30)
S Wales Police v Ystradgynlais (2.30)
Tenby Utd v Maesteg (2.30)

THIRD DIVISION: Blaina v Blackwood; Builth Wells v Kenfig Hill. Narberth v Tondu; Penarth v Mountain Ash. Pyle v Glamorgan Wanderers. Tredegar v Cardiff Inst.

Tennents Premiership

First division

Edinburgh Acads v Stirling Co (2.30)
Gala v Boroughmuir (2.30)
Hawick v Melrose (2.30)
Watsonians v Heriots FP (2.30)

Second division

Dundee HSFP v Currie (2.30)
Kelso v Selkirk (2.30)
Stewarts Mel FP v Jed-Forest (2.30)
West of Scotland v Glasgow HK (2.30)

Third division

Glasgow Acads v Grangemouth (2.30)
Kirkcaldy v Corstorphine (2.30)
Musselburgh v Preston Lodge (2.30)
Peebles v Biggar (2.30)

Fourth division

Gordonians v Glasgow Southern (2.30)
Haddington v Edinburgh Wndrs (2.30)
Kilmarnock v Ayr (2.30)
Langholm v Wigtownshire (2.30)

Club match

Basingstoke v Askeans

ICE HOCKEY

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Fife v Sheffield (6.30).

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke v Nottingham (6.30); Slough v Humberside (6.30). First division: Billingham v Peterborough (5.15). Blackburn v Paisley (6.0); Bracknell v Guildford (6.0); Chelmsford v Murrayfield (6.30); Dumfries v Manchester (7.30). Medway v Solihull (6.0); Swindon v Telford (5.30).

LACROSSE

DAILY TELEGRAPH SENIOR FLAGS: First round: Cheadle Hulme v Cheadle; Mellor v Hulmeians; Heaton Mersey v Boardman and Eccles. Junior Flags: First round: Heaton Mersey Guild v Cheadle A; Sheffield University v Heaton Mersey A; Sale v Moorthorpe.

SHEPHERDS FRIENDLY SOCIETY LEAGUE: Premier division: Timperley v Stockport. Sheffield Steelers v Old Waconians.

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Friends Provident Grand Slam (Mansfield).

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Manchester v Thames Valley (7.30); Hemel v Chester (7.30). 7UP Trophy: Worthing v Birmingham (8.0).

BOXING: Commonwealth light-welterweight championship: Ross Hale (Bristol, holder) v Charlie Kane (Glasgow) (at the Whitchurch Leisure Centre, Bristol). Commonwealth lightweight championship: Billy Schwer (Luton, holder) v Ditau Molefyane (SA). British super-middleweight championship (vacant): Joe Calzaghe (Newbridge) v Steve Wilson (Wallyford, Scotland) (Albert Hall). European featherweight championship: Medhi Labdouni (Fr, holder) v Billy Hardy (Sunderland) (Fontenay-sous-Bois, Paris).

CYCLING: Eastern Counties hill climb (South Hill, Laindon, 10.0).

SNOOKER: Skoda Grand Prix (Sunderland).

SPEEDWAY: (7.30): Midlands Open Championship, Cradley Heath: Farewell Challenge. Swindon v Poole. British Academy: Linlithgow v Mildenhall (2.0).

VOLLEYBALL: National League: Women: First division: KLEA Leeds v Loughborough, Allhcombe Guildford Spectrum v Wessex.

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

FA Carling Premiership

Tottenham v Newcastle (4.0)

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

Luton v Charlton (2.55)
Norwich v Tranmere
Port Vale v Birmingham (2.55)

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop Auckland v Colwyn Bay

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Shamrock v Derry (2.45). UCD v Athlone (3.15).

FA WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Northern division: Garswood St Helens v Bronte. Huddersfield v Langford. Sheffield Wednesday v FTM Newcastle. Tranmere v Kidderminster. Southern division: Berkhamsted v Wimbledon. Brentford v Southampton Saints. Brighton and Hove v Three Bridges. Oxford Utd v Leyton Orient. Town and County v Ipswich.

ICE HOCKEY

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Humberside v Nottingham (6.30).

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Cardiff v Slough (6.15). Durham v Newcastle (6.30). Milton Keynes v Fife (6.0). Sheffield v Basingstoke (6.30). First division: Bracknell v Billingham (5.15). Guildford v Chelmsford (5.15). Medway v Peterborough (5.15). Paisley v Manchester (6.30). Solihull v Murrayfield (7.0). Swindon v Blackburn (6.0). Telford v Dumfries (5.30).

HOCKEY

MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division. Barford Tigers v Canterbury (Holyhead Leisure Centre, 1.0). Bournville v Guildford (Grange Hill, 2.30). Cannock v Hull (Morris Ground, 2.30). Havant v East Grinstead (Havant College, 2.15). Hounslow v Stourport (Dukes Meadow, Chiswick, 2.0). Southgate v St Albans (Broomfield School, 2.0). Surbiton v Old Loughtonians (Sugden Road, 2.30). Teddington v Indian Gymkhana (Teddington School, 1.30).

Second division: Beeston v Gloucester City (Highfields, Nottingham, 2.0). Bluebearts v Oxford University (Hitchin Boys School, 2.0). Bromley v City of Portsmouth (Priory Leisure Centre, Orpington, 1.30). Crostyx v Harleston Magpies (Chigwell, 1.0). Firebrands v Doncaster (Longwood, Bristol, 2.0). Hampstead and Westminster v Richmond (Paddington Recreation Ground, 12.30). Olton and West Warwickshire v Isca (Grange Road, Solihull, 2.0). Sheffield v Slough (Abbeydale Park, 2.30).

HOCKEY ASSOCIATION CUP: Second round: Ashford v Marlow. Blackheath v Ramgarhia. Bloxwich v Mansfield. Bournemouth v Leominster. Chesterfield v Harborne. Clacton v Redbridge and Ilford. Colchester v Chelmsford. Fareham v Woking. Formby v Neston. Glaxo v Warrington. Khalsa v Belper. Long Sutton v Dereham. Luton Town v Ipswich. Maidenhead v Gore Court. Norton v Bowdon. Nottingham v Bath Buccs. Old Kingstonians v Oxford Hawks. Old Midwhitgiftians v Chichester. Plymouth v Weston Super Mare Robinsons v Guernsey. Sheffield Bankers v Blackburn. Shrewsbury v Coalville. Timperley v Bishops Stortford. Tulse Hill v Winchester. Tunbridge Wells v Bradfield College. Wakefield v Harrogate. Wimbledon v Basingstoke. Wokingham v Lewes.

MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Reading v Trojans (Sonning Lane, 2.0). Second division: Brooklands v Edgbaston (Georges Road, Sale, 1.45).

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Halifax v Warrington. Neston v Harrogate; Norton v Formby. Sheffield Bankers v Ben Rhydding. Timperley v Southport.

ADNAMS EAST LEAGUE: Premier division A: Bury St Edmunds v Chelmsford; Cambridge City v Bishops Stortford; Cambridge Univ v Bedford Town. Peterborough Town v Ipswich. Redbridge and Ilford v Colchester. Premier division B: Brentwood v Old Southendian. Ipswich and E Suffolk v Clacton. Luton v Dereham. Stevenage v Romford. Sudbury v Norwich City.

NASTRO AZZURRO LEAGUE: Premier League: Anchorians v Bournemouth. Chichester v High Wycombe; Fareham v Beckenham. Gore Court v Maidenhead; Newbury v Old Walcountians. Old Kingstonians v Winchester. Oxford Hawks v Lewes. Spencer v Ashford. Woking v Wimbledon. Wokingham v Lions. Hampshire/Surrey: Andover v Dulwich. Basingstoke v Cheam. Blandford v London University. Old Cranleighans v Solent HC. Old Mid Whitgiftians v Old Edwardians; Oxshott v Camberley. Petersfield v Oxted. Purley v Epsom. Southampton v Old Whitgiftians. Walton and Weybridge v Barnes. Kent/Sussex: Horsham v Herne Bay. Marden Russets v Middleton. Mid Sussex v Blackheath. Old Becconhamians v Bexleyheath. Old Bordenians v Belvedere. Old Holcombeians v Crawley. Old Williamsonians v Bexley Invicta: Sevenoaks v Brighton. Tulse Hill v Worthing. Tunbridge Wells v Bognor. Midds/Berks/Bucks and Oxon: Harrow v Eastcote; Hayes v Headington. HCC v Bracknell. Hendon v City Of Oxford. Marlow v Ramgarhia. Mill Hill v Amersham. Milton Keynes v Staines; NPL v ETESSA. OMT v Richings Park. PHC Chiswick v Sunbury.

DTZ DEBENHAM THORPE LEAGUE: Premier division: Bridgnorth v John Player. Hampton-in-Arden v Belper. Harbourne v Nottingham. Khalsa v North Notts; Loughborough Students v Bloxwich.

SUNLIFE MEN'S WEST LEAGUE: First division: Bristol Univ v Bath Buccs. Exeter Univ v Swansea; Plymouth v Weston-super-Mare. Robinsons v Whitchurch. Taunton v Cheltenham.

RUGBY UNION

NCP WOMEN'S DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: Midlands v North (at Old Leamingtonians 2.0). South v London (at Clifton, 2.30)

OTHER SPORT

CYCLING: National hill climb championship (Ditchling Beacon, Sussex, 10.0)

SNOOKER: Skoda Grand Prix (Sunderland)

SPEEDWAY: Nathan Gaymer Memorial Trophy (Sittingbourne, 1.0). Jawa 16-lapper (Ipswich, 3.0). City of Spires Classic (Oxford, 7.30).

VOLLEYBALL: National League: Women: First division: Birmingham v Sheffield Wednesday. Orpington v Manchester Utd Salford. London Malory v Reebok Liverpool City.

Place in history beckons United's No 9

Newcastle set to salute Ferdinand



Ferdinand has followed in the famous bootsteps of Milburn, left, and Macdonald with his goalscoring exploits from centre forward



ROB HUGHES
Weekend view

Is there no gratitude in professional sport these days? Les Ferdinand prepares for the FA Carling Premiership match at White Hart Lane tomorrow with the single-mindedness of the traditional Newcastle United centre forward. He has in his sights a 100-year-old record. Should he equal the feat of Willie Wardrope and score for the *ninth* successive match, it would make Ferdinand the *most consistent* marksman even in Newcastle's phenomenal affinity with the No 9.

Who taught him this consistency? None other than Gerry Francis, the Tottenham Hotspur manager, whose collapsible defence would appear so vulnerable to Ferdinand's pace, power and potency.

It was while they were manager and player at Queens Park Rangers that Francis cajoled Ferdinand out of brilliant inconsistency. He told his laid-back centre forward that there were two choices: he could continue playing well at home and less than enthusiastically away, and be out of the team, or he could perform to his capabilities, be consistent in the league, and be irresistible to England.

When Ferdinand was purchased for £6 million this summer by Kevin Keegan, the finishing touches *rested on Keegan's ability to* pour some of his own effervescent *personality into the player* whose physique and extraordinary leaping power make him a player built to lead the Newcastle line. Keegan's own appreciation of the special affinity between Tyneside and the No 9 came from his grandfather, a Durham mines inspector. So, when Keegan astonished everyone by selling Andy Cole — a predator, a real Magpie, but not a catalyst for *the attack — in January, he got not* only Ferdinand, but also Keith Gillespie, *the right winger who* would be one element of the service on which Ferdinand preys.

Add David Ginola and you have potentially *the* England centre forward, given the best prompting from the flanks of anyone since Tommy Lawton led England, served by Tom Finney and Stanley Matthews.

The lesson is as old as football at *St James' Park. The centre forward* with insatiable hunger is only as prolific as the provision that comes from old-fashioned wing play. Jackie Milburn, whose 178 league goals remain the highest aggregate in the club's history, knew he was blessed by the consistent invitations to score from Bobby Mitchell on the left wing.

Milburn, alas, is dead now. The bronze statue of him close to the ground tells of the affection of Newcastle folk for "Wor Jackie", a man who literally came up from an Ashington coalmine to become a home-grown hero, yet one whose incomparable humility should never be forgotten.

"*Les [Ferdinand] is* eclipsing the greats like Jackie Milburn and *Hughie Gallacher at this club, and* he's only been here three months."



Gallacher: led Newcastle to their 1927 championship

Keegan insists. It is all part of the *cajolery. But eclipse? That would* take a decade, because Milburn had played from 1946 to 1957, and he argued: "The only reason I got more goals than my own hero, Albert Stubbins, and the rest, is that I stayed longer. They all moved on, the club found someone better, it was pure luck that I hung on."

That was balderdash. Milburn, with pace to match Ferdinand, with *ability to shoot on sight with either* foot, was the thoroughbred. Towards the end of his days, he could be found passing tips to Malcolm Macdonald and then to the Brazilian, Mirandinha, players imported at vast expense because the ability to produce their own centre forwards had long since dried up.

When Ferdinand laid to rest a *few days ago the club record shared* by Len White and Paul Goddard of scoring in seven consecutive matches, it was assumed that history had been made. Then a historian unearthed Wardrope, a Scot who hit the target on nine consecutive Saturdays, a winger pretending to be a centre forward. It was, *apparently, a stunning* pretence, and one emulated by Milburn, who himself preferred the wing, the inside forward positions, even the place at left back that his own uncles had occupied.

"The day they put me into the No 9," he once told me, "frightened me to death. Honestly, I remembered how the crowd laughed because, with fibrositis, I didn't like *heading the ball. And I knew that,* somewhere in that crowd, was Hughie Gallacher. My dad had always said I'd never be fit to lace Hughie's boots."

In the crowd? Gallacher, the 5ft 5in Scot who scored 39 league and cup goals in the 1926-27 season, when Newcastle last won the championship, became to Milburn what Milburn was himself to the new No 9. Gallacher, who was to commit suicide in 1957, lurked *around the dressing-room door to* put confidence and to offer advice to Milburn.

That, however, is history with sepia tones. Nowadays, if a player lasts longer at a club than a couple of seasons, the agents move them around. The millions, the restless search for something swifter and better, spins the wheel of history quicker than ever before. But *Ferdinand, who at 20 earned £50* per match as a part-timer with *Hayes, has that much in common* with Milburn, whose wage was 30 shillings a week.

"Enough is enough," one might almost hear Francis plead this weekend, for 13 times his former protégé, Ferdinand, has pulled on the Newcastle shirt, and 16 times he has made the net bulge. Only twice *has he failed to score. At Queens* Park Rangers they dubbed Ferdinand, *when Francis had inspired* him, "Sir Les". He will know the day he achieves total acceptance on Tyneside, for then it will be the higher accolade, "Wor Les".

THE TIMES MATCH-BY-MATCH GUIDE TO THE PREMIERSHIP THIS WEEKEND

ASTON VILLA v EVERTON

Have the wheels started to come off for Villa? History suggests a 0-0 draw, and Villa are still short of goals when it matters. Against that, the Everton defence has suddenly started looking much more vulnerable. Home, Parkinson and Barrett are all missing, which won't help. At the other end, Carl Tiler, newly signed from Nottingham Forest, could face a baptism of pace rather than fire with Ziaokachi back from Uzbekistan and Kanchelskis getting nearer to full throttle.

LAST SEASON: Aston Villa 0 Everton 0.
10-YEAR RECORD: 0-0, 0-1, —, 2-0, 6-2, 2-2, 0-0, 2-1, 0-0, 0-0.

How they line up

ASTON VILLA (from): M Boenich, G Charles, U Ehiogu, P McGrath, G Southgate, R Scimeca, C Tiler, A Wright, I Taylor, M Draper, A Townsend, S Milosevic, D Yorke, T Johnson, G Fenton, M Oakes.
EVERTON (from): N Southall, J Keedon, M Jackson, C Short, D Watson, G Ablett, D Unsworth, A Hinchcliffe, A Limpar, J Ebbrell, G Stuart, P Rideout, D Amokachi, S Barlow.

BLACKBURN v CHELSEA

Did the midweek win at Watford in the Coca-Cola Cup signal the turning-point in Blackburn's season? The joy on the players' faces when Mike Newell scored the winner looked significant — but then anyone other than Shearer scoring is a cause for wild celebration these days. Blackburn still look unbalanced in midfield, but the return of Bohinen will add thrust. If they overcome Chelsea's obdurate resistance, it could mark the start of the Rovers' return.

LAST SEASON: Blackburn 2 Chelsea 1.
10-YEAR RECORD: —, —, —, 1-1, —, —, —, 2-0, 2-0, 2-1.

How they line up

BLACKBURN (from): T Flowers, H Berg, C Hendry, I Pearce, J Kenna, D Batty, T Sherwood, L Bohinen, C Sutton, A Shearer, M Newell, S Ripley, P Warhurst, R Mimms, M Holmes.
CHELSEA (from): D Kharine, R Gullit, S Clarke, G Hall, E Johnsen, D Lee, F Sinclair, A Barness, A Myers, D Rocastle, G Peacock, D Wise, C Burley, E Newton, M Stein, M Hughes, J Spencer, P Furlong.

LEEDS v COVENTRY

Two weeks ago, a foregone conclusion? *Now? Richard Jobson makes his debut to* bolster a Leeds defence that has not conceded a goal for more than 180 *minutes. Ah well ... Someone to partner* Yeboah is a more urgent need but, if the mood takes him, he should be enough on his own for the Coventry *defence. Nothing wrong with Coventry's spirit, though, to judge by the* performance on Wednesday, and Dion Dublin's return will improve their prospects further. Goals aplenty?

LAST SEASON: Leeds 3 Coventry 0.
10-YEAR RECORD: —, —, —, —, —, 2-0, 2-0, 2-2, 1-0, 3-0.

How they line up

LEEDS (from): J Lukic, G Kelly, D Wetherall, R Jobson, N Worthington, A Couzens, C Palmer, G McAllister, G Speed, B Deane, A Yeboah. N Whelan, P Masinga, J Pemberton, P Beesley, A Dorigo, M Tinkler.
COVENTRY (from): J Filan, B Borrows, D Busst, P Williams, M Hall, P Telfer, K Richardson, J Salako, P Ndlovu, N Lamptey, A Pickering, D Dublin, D Rennie, J Darby, M Isaias, J Barnwell-Edmboro, J Gould.

LIVERPOOL v MANCHESTER CITY

Poor City. They've got to win some time — *haven't they?* — but the last place to go looking for your first win is Anfield, especially when making the trip for the *second time in four days while still* smarting from a 4-0 drubbing. Liverpool can afford to keep Collymore and Ruddock on the bench; City can't *even afford Hagi's wages. Still, Flitcroft is back,* which will help, because determination is the first requirement at Anfield, so perhaps it'll only be 1-0 this time.

LAST SEASON: Liverpool 2 Manchester City 0.
10-YEAR RECORD: 2-0, 0-0, —, —, 3-1, 2-2, 2-2, 1-1, 2-1, 2-0.

How they line up

LIVERPOOL (from): D James, M Wright, J McAteer, J Scales, P Babb, N Ruddock, S Harkness, J Barnes, S McManaman, J Redknapp, R Fowler, S Collymore, I Rush, A Warner.
MANCHESTER CITY (from): E Immel, R Edghill, S Lomas, K Curle, G Kinkladze, N Quinn, I Brightwell, K Symons, N Summerbee, U Rösler, G Flitcroft, J Foster, A Kernaghan, M Brown, M Margetson.

MANCHESTER UNITED v MIDDLESBROUGH

Second v fourth and Robson's return to Old Trafford make it match of the day even without Juninho. *But will it live up to its* billing? United were approaching their flowing best at Stamford Bridge, Boro are a much tighter team, as their defensive record shows, in spite of those two goals conceded to Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park. Like their manager, Boro breathe defence and if Hignett and Barmby fail fitness tests, *defence is likely to be their* priority.

LAST SEASON: No fixture.
10-YEAR RECORD: —, —, —, —, 1-0, —, —, 3-0, —, —.

How they line up

MANCHESTER UTD: P Schmeichel, G Neville, S Bruce, G Pallister, D Irwin, R Keane, N Butt, R Giggs, E Cantona, P Scholes, A Cole. Subs (from): D Beckham, P Neville, L Sharpe, B McClair, K Pilkington.
MIDDLESBROUGH (from): G Walsh, N Cox, C Morris, S Vickers, N Pearson, P Whelan, N Barmby, J Pollock, J A Hignett, R Mustoe, C Hignett, C Hendrie, A Moore, C Blackmore, C Liddle, J Moreno.

QPR v NOTTINGHAM FOREST

Difficult times for QPR. They played well against Newcastle and lost; played well against Boro and lost. Now they face Forest, who are masters of contain-and-break football, without Dichio, who has *succumbed to a mysterious virus. Gallen* steps up in his place. Forest's unbeaten run extends to 23 matches; even if Ray Wilkins adds his craft, it is difficult to see QPR bringing it to *an end here, unless Sinclair adds another £2 or £3 million to his value* with a dazzling display.

LAST SEASON: QPR 1 Nottingham Forest 1.
10-YEAR RECORD: 2-1, 3-1, 2-1, 1-2, 2-0, 1-2, 0-2, 4-3, —, 1-1.

How they line up

QPR (from): J Sommer, D Bardsley, R Brevett, D Maddix, S Yates, K Ready, A Impey, S Barker, I Holloway, T Challis, T Sinclair, K Gallen, A McDonald, S Osborn, R Wilkins, G Goodridge, N Zelic, M Brazier.
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (from): M Crossley, D Lyttle, C Cooper, S Chettle, S Pearce, S Stone, C Bart-Williams, I Woan, J Lee, B Roy, S Gemmill, A I Haaland, D Phillips, A Silenzi, P McGregor, M Rigby.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY v WEST HAM

Signs of life at Hillsborough? The two former Yugoslavs are still on their way, but *the return to favour of Guy Whittingham* has suddenly provided a goal or two, and Sinton has enjoyed himself on his return to *the side. Hammers, like Middlesbrough,* have been waiting for international clearance for an American midfield player this week — but John Harkes rather than Juninho. Confirmation *of the United States international's availability finally came minutes* before the 5pm deadline.

LAST SEASON: Sheffield Wednesday 1 West Ham 0.
10-YEAR RECORD: 2-2, 2-2, 2-1, 0-2, —, 1-1, 2-1, —, 5-0, 1-0.

How they line up

SHEFFIELD WED (from): K Pressman, I Nolan, P Atherton, D Walker, K Ingesson, A Sinton, M Pembridge, C Waddle, M Williams, A Pearce, G Whittingham, D Hirst, M Bright, J Key.
WEST HAM (from): L Miklosko, S Potts, M Rieper, A Martin, J Dicks, I Bishop, J Moncur, R Slater, M Hughes, A Cottee, I Dowie, D Hutchison, M Boogers, K Rowland, J Harkes, S Lazaridis, L Sealey.

WIMBLEDON v SOUTHAMPTON

Something's got to give. Wimbledon still have 11 players injured. After their Coca-Cola Cup victory over West Ham on Wednesday, Southampton are in marginally the better form. Le Tissier is having a bad time — hardly helped by all the talks and hints from the England manager — and his return to his best is crucial to Southampton's chances of survival. Ask Alan Smith, who pointed out last year the difference between his Palace strikers' contributions and Le Tissier's 29 goals.

LAST SEASON: Wimbledon 0 Southampton 2.
10-YEAR RECORD: —, 2-2, 2-0, 2-1, 3-3, 1-1, 0-1, 1-2, 1-0, 0-2.

How they line up

WIMBLEDON (from): P Heald, K Cunningham, A Kimble, G Elkins, C Perry, A Reeves, V Jones, R Earle, O Leonhardsen, M Gayle, D Holdsworth, A Clarke, M Harford, S Fitzgerald, G Blissett, S Talboys.
SOUTHAMPTON (from): D Beasant, B Grobbelaar, J Dodd, F Benali, K Monkou, R Hall, D Hughes, M Le Tissier, B Venison, G Watson, N Shippeley, F Bennett, N Maddison, N Heaney, J Magilton.

TOMORROW

TOTTENHAM v NEWCASTLE

A game to sit and drool over. Tottenham *may* not be quite the force they were with Jürgen Klinsmann in their ranks, and their defence still looks distinctly dodgy, but they are playing some good stuff. Newcastle have quite simply become a joy to watch, a team of great talent that reflects their manager's effervescent, *positive personality.* Supposedly Newcastle and England play the same formation — which perhaps only goes to show how little tactics matter.

LAST SEASON: Tottenham 4 Newcastle 2.
10-YEAR RECORD: 5-1, 1-1, 6-1, 2-0, —, —, —, 1-2, 4-2.

How they line up

TOTTENHAM (from): I Walker, D Austin, S Campbell, J Edinburgh, C Wilson, C Calderwood, G Mabbutt, G McMahon, D Howells, R Rosenthal, J Dozzell, R Fox, F Sheringham, D Armstrong, E Thorstvedt.
NEWCASTLE (from): S Hislop, W Barton, J Beresford, S Howey, D Peacock, K Gillespie, R Lee, L Clark, D Ginola, R Fox, L Ferdinand, S Sellars, S Watson, P Kitson, P Srnicek.

HOW THEY STAND

		P	Pts	Goal diff	Recent form
1	Newcastle	10	27	+19	WWWWW
2	Manchester Utd	10	23	+10	WDDWW
3	Arsenal	10	21	+10	WWLWW
4	Middlesbrough	10	21	+7	WWWWW
5	Liverpool	10	20	+10	WWDDW
6	Notts Forest	10	20	+7	WDWWW
7	Aston Villa	10	17	+4	WDWLL
8	Leeds	10	17	+2	LWWLD
9	Tottenham	10	15	+2	WWWLD
10	Chelsea	10	15	0	WLWWL
11	Blackburn	10	11	-2	LWLWD
12	Sheffield Wed	10	11	-3	LDLLW
13	West Ham	10	10	-3	LLWWD
14	Wimbledon	10	10	-9	LLLLL
15	Everton	10	9	-3	LLLDD
16	QPR	10	9	-7	WLWLL
17	Coventry	10	7	-11	LLLDL
18	Southampton	10	6	-10	DLLLL
19	Bolton	10	5	-11	LLLDL
20	Manchester City	10	2	-12	LLLLD

MONDAY

BOLTON v ARSENAL

The best Monday night game for some weeks — perhaps of the season so far? *Arsenal provided one of Bolton's most* notable scalps in their cup runs under Bruce Rioch. Now Rioch brings the big *guns to Burnden and, although Bolton are* now supposedly Arsenal's peers, it isn't quite like that. A Bolton win would still be an upset, but looks much less likely against a side which *has rediscovered its resilience and is also beginning to play football of* encouraging style.

LAST SEASON: No fixture.
10-YEAR RECORD: No fixtures.

How they line up

BOLTON (from): K Branagan, S McAnespie, J Phillips, G Bergsson, A Stubbs, C Fairclough, D Lee, M Patterson, A Thompson, J McGinlay, F De Freitas, S Green, O Coyle, G Taggart, S Curcic.
ARSENAL (from): D Seaman, L Dixon, A Adams, S Bould, N Winterburn, P Merson, J Jensen, M Keown, R Parlour, G Helder, D Bergkamp, I Wright, J Hartson, S Morrow, E McGoldrick, V Bartram.

WHEN TO WATCH ON TELEVISION

Today

10.40pm BBC 1 Match of the Day (highlights)

Tomorrow

12 noon Sky Sports Goals on Sunday
4pm Sky Sports Ford Escort Super Sunday
Tottenham v Newcastle (live)

Monday

Sky Sports Ford Escort Monday Night Football
Bolton v Arsenal (live)

Compiled by Peter Ball, Julian Desborough and Mark Edwards

French Deputy to weather the storms

FROM RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT, IN NEW YORK

AS THE final touches were applied to the 83 racehorses who will compete for $10 million in the twelfth Breeders' Cup here today, a very British factor appeared on the horizon which could wash away the best-laid plans and threaten the future of this event. Namely, the weather.

Heavy rain and thunderstorms were predicted for Belmont Park before this afternoon when the seven-race spectacular gets underway.

The precise timing of the rain is crucial. The dirt track, which stages five of the races, was due to be sealed with a heavy roller after racing yesterday so that any rain will wash off and not get into the track. If the rain has stopped by the time the track is opened up with harrows before racing today everything will be fine. However, if it is still raining, as forecast, the mile and a half circumference will quickly become sloppy.

No precautions can be taken to protect the outer turf course, which stages the Mile and the Turf, the two races where European horses have the best chance of victory. Yesterday the going was already on the easy side of good and it is virtualy certain to become genuinely soft or heavy.

The weather factor not only makes predicting the outcome of the races a nightmare, but poses a serious threat to the future of the Breeders' Cup series. American racing is already facing up to falling attendances and television ratings. Sponsorship is increasingly hard to attract and it is noticeable the prize-money for this event has not increased since its inception in 1984. However, here are my predictions.

3.55: Golden Attraction has won six out of seven, the last three being grade one races. Her victory in the Frizette last time was particularly noteworthy because she made all the running here on a wet-fast track on a day which suited horses coming off the pace. She has previously beaten all the main challengers, including Cara Rafaela, Flat Fleet Feet, La Rosa, My Flag and the supplemented Tipically Irish.

4.27: Sorry to be disloyal, but I give Lake Coniston and Hever Golf Rose little chance and a trio of local runners makes more appeal. Not Surprising has won his last four starts, including the Vosburgh here last month, the form of which has worked out well. He is the strict form choice but **You And I** (next best), who finished a nose behind that day, was having his first race for two months and has now recovered fully from problems with his feet. He has won four out of six races here. Michael Dickinson's Da Hoss is a progressive six-furlong specialist but has not raced here.

4.59: Borodislew is a live outsider from the West Coast but four others have excellent credentials. Mariah's Storm recorded the best performance when beating Serena's Song in Kentucky two starts ago, before disappointing last time. The runner-up is weighted to reverse the placings. **Heavenly Prize** was just pipped by Serena's Song last time after a seven-week absence, but that was a falsely-run affair and she can gain her revenge.

5.31: The weather looks certain to scupper Harayir's chances but three other European runners make considerable appeal. Ridgewood Pearl, the triple group one winner, is the form choice but connections are concerned the ground could be too soft for her. Poplar Bluff has shown markedly improved form during the past month, broke the Longchamp seven-furlong track record last time and can reverse earlier form with Cherokee Rose. However, **Shaanxi** recorded her best performance last time, loves the soft and will be a big price.

6.03: D. Wayne Lukas has won this race four times and runs three here. Gary Stevens has ridden all three and plumped for the thrice-raced **Honour And Glory**, who can improve again. Diligence is best of the rest.

6.35: André Fabre yesterday nominated **Freedom Cry** as offering his best chance of success and that will do for me. Just pipped by Pentire in the Irish Champion Stakes before giving Lammtarra a scare in the Arc, he is definitely the form choice. Lando will love the going while Northern Spur is best of the locals.

7.10: Unlike most US champions, Cigar has never carried more than nine stone to victory and he is worth opposing. Having selected Halling for his two British successes this term I'm loath to desert him, but **French Deputy** (nap) is the choice in a race where shocks are commonplace. Neil Drysdale's horse has a "touch of brilliance" and can reward punters, especially if coupled with Peaks And Valleys in a forecast.

SELECTIONS

3.55 Golden Attraction
4.27 You And I (next best)
4.59 Heavenly Prize
5.31 Shaanxi
6.03 Honour And Glory
6.35 Freedom Cry
7.10 French Deputy (nap)

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Drysdale with French Deputy, his big hope for the Breeders' Cup Classic

BELMONT PARK

GOING: FAST (DIRT); GOOD (TURF) DRAW: LOW BEST SIS/SKY

3.55 BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE FILLIES
(Grade I: 2-Y-O: £333,333: 1m 110yd dirt) (9 runners)

1 (1) 202121 CARA RAFAELA 20 (G) (TNT Stud) D W Lukas 8-7 P Day
2 (2) 214111 MYSTIC RHYTHMS 14 (G) (J Rotella) J Dowd 8-7 J Bravo
3 (3) 112111 GOLDEN ATTRACTION 21 (G) (W Young) D W Lukas 8-7 G Stevens
4 (4) 1152 OCEAN VIEW 21 (Ahmed bin Salman) R Mulhall 8-7 NON-RUNNER
5 (5) 382111 TIPICALLY IRISH 21 (G) (M Tabor) D W Lukas 8-7 M Smith
6 (6) 21123 FLAT FLEET FEET 21 (G) (C Kimmel, P Solondz) J Kimmel 8-7 R Davis
7 (7) 2101 LA ROSA 23 (G,S) (M Rutherford) N Zito 8-7 J A Santos
8 (8) 413 GASTRONOMICAL 21 (G) (G Seelbinder) G Jones 8-7 K Desormeaux
9 (9) 14332 MY FLAG 21 (B,G) (O Phipps) C McGaughey 8-7 J Bailey

Pari-mutuel forecast: 6-4 Golden Attraction, 5-2 My Flag, 7-2 Cara Rafaela, 10-1 Tipically Irish, 12-1 Flat Fleet Feet, Mystic Rhythms, 20-1 Gastronomical, La Rosa.

4.27 BREEDERS' CUP SPRINT (Grade I: £333,333: 6f dirt) (14 runners)

1 (1) 141141 GOLDEN GEAR 14 (G,S) (B Golden) P Hickey 4-9-0 C Perret
2 (2) 112131 CLASSY MIRAGE 20 (B,G) (Middletown Stables) H Jerkens 5-8-11 A Cordero
3 (4) 461111 NOT SURPRISING 42 (G,S) (R Van Worp) J Van Worp 5-9-0 R Davis
4 (7) 125311 FRIENDLY LOVER 19 (B,G) (Pastime Stable) J Pierce 7-9-0 R Wilson
5 (8) 121212 DA HOSS 36 (F,G) (Prestonwood Farm & Wallstreet Racing) M Dickinson 3-8-11 J Bailey
6 (9) 0-31152 YOU AND I 42 (G) (E Gann) R Frankel 4-9-0 J Chavez
7 (10) 232523 OUR EMBLEM 42 (G) (O Phipps) C McGaughey 4-9-0 P Day
8 (11) 131111 HEVER GOLF ROSE 27 (F,G,S) (M Hanson) T Naughton (GB) 4-8-11 J Weaver
9 (12) 142420 MR GREELEY 35 (G) (W Condren & J Cornacchia) N Zito 3-8-11 Julie Krone
10 (13) 111111 TRACK GAL 19 (F,G) (W Oldknow & R Phipps) J Sadler 4-8-11 C McCarron
11 (14) 1-11214 LAKE CONISTON 56 (F,G) (Highclere Stable) G Lewis (GB) 4-9-0 Pat Eddery
12F (3) 53-3343 OWINGTON 56 (B,F,G) (G Von Ullmann) G Wragg (GB) 4-9-0 L Dettori
13F (5) 3-31212 DESERT STORMER 76 (G) (J Nor) F Lyons 5-8-11 K Desormeaux
14F (6) 342210 LIT DE JUSTICE 42 (B,G) (Evergreen Farms) J Sahadi 5-9-0 C Nakatani

Pari-mutuel forecast: 3-1 Not Surprising, 4-1 You and I, 6-1 Hever Golf Rose, Our Emblem, 8-1 Lake Coniston, 12-1 Classy Mirage, Da Hoss, Friendly Lover, 14-1 Owington, Desert Stormer & Lit De Justice (all three combined as 'the field' in all pools). 16-1 others.

4.59 BREEDERS' CUP DISTAFF
(Grade I: fillies & mares: £333,333: 1m 1f dirt) (10 runners)

1 (1) 111211 INSIDE INFORMATION 20 (G) (O Phipps) C McGaughey 4-8-11 M Smith
1A (8) 211112 HEAVENLY PRIZE 21 (G) (O Phipps) C McGaughey 4-8-11 P Day
2 (2) 112-323 LAKEWAY 21 (M Rutherford) G Jones 4-8-11 K Desormeaux
3 (3) 145051 VINISTA 31 (G) (A E & M Paulson) W Mott 5-8-11 J D Bailey
4 (4) 382551 FORESTED 26 (G) (R Perez) A Callejas 3-8-8 R Douglas
5 (5) 461111 BORODISLEW 20 (F,G) (M Nally) E Inda 5-8-11 C McCarron
6 (6) 121121 SERENA'S SONG 21 (G) (R & B Lewis) D W Lukas 3-8-8 G Stevens
7 (7) 51-1113 MARIAH'S STORM 20 (G) (Thunderhead Farms) D Von Hemel 4-8-11 R Lester
8 (9) 234-333 GOLDEN KLAIR 20 (G) (No Problem Stable) D Vienna 5-8-11 C Nakatani
9 (10) 143242 TOP RUNG 20 (G) (Glen Hill Farm) W Proctor 4-8-11 E Delahoussaye

Pari-mutuel forecast: 6-5 Heavenly Prize & Inside Information (coupled in all pools), 6-4 Serena's Song, 8-1 Lakeway, 10-1 Mariah's Storm, 12-1 Borodislew, 16-1 Top Rung, 20-1 Golden Klair, 25-1 Vinista, 50-1 Forested.

5.31 BREEDERS' CUP MILE (Grade I: £333,333: 1m turf) (14 runners)

1 (1) 313311 POPLAR BLUFF 13 (F,S) (D Wildenstein) A Fabre (Fr) 3-8-10 O Peslier
2 (2) 1-11112 RIDGEWOOD PEARL 35 (F,G,S) (Mrs A Coughlan) J Oxx (Ire) 3-8-7 J P Murtagh
3 (3) 1-13532 SOVIET LINE 16 (F,G) (M Al-Maktoum) M Stoute (GB) 5-9-0 W R Swinburn
4 (4) 121043 THE VID 62 (F,G) (J Sullivan) M Wolfson 5-9-0 J D Bailey
5 (5) 114110 DOVE HUNT 21 (F,G,S) (W Farish) N Howard 4-9-0 P Day
6 (8) 311112 CHEROKEE ROSE 27 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Hammond (Fr) 4-8-11 C Asmussen
7 (9) 382321 SHAANXI 27 (S) (T Yoshida) E Lellouche (Fr) 3-8-7 D Boeuf
8 (11) 010021 MIGHTY FORUM 21 (F,S) (Team Valor Stables) M Hennig 4-9-0 E Delahoussaye
9 (12) 8-25124 SAYYEDATI 55 (F,G) (M Obaida) C Brittain (GB) 5-8-11 C Nakatani
10 (13) 331141 HARAYIR 16 (F) (Shadwell Stable) W Hern (GB) 3-8-7 W Carson
11 (14) 525-112 FASTNESS 21 (F,S) (Evergreen Farms) J Sahadi 5-9-0 G Stevens
12F (6) 221532 FOURSTARS ALLSTAR 14 (F,G) (R Bomze & P Dileo) L O'Brien 7-9-0 J A Santos
13F (7) 4-31233 SAVINIO 116 (F) (G Biszantz & partners) W Greenman 5-9-0 C McCarron
14F (10) 101556 EARL OF BARKING 20 (F,G) (H Pabst) R Cross 5-9-0 L Dettori

Pari-mutuel forecast: 4-1 Ridgewood Pearl, 9-2 Fastness, 6-1 Cherokee Rose, Dove Hunt, 8-1 The Vid, Harayir, Sayyedati, 12-1 Poplar Bluff, Soviet Line, 14-1 Fourstars Allstar, Savinio & Earl Of Barking (coupled as the 'field' in all pools). 16-1 others.

6.03 BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE
(Grade I: 2-Y-O colts & geldings: £333,333: 1m 110yd dirt) (13 runners)

1 (1) 111 APPEALING SKIER 20 (G) (New Farm) B Perkins Sr 8-10 R Wilson
2 (2) 531122 WINTER QUARTERS 40 (F,G) (E Gann) R Frankel 8-10 C McCarron
3 (3) 146114 EDITOR'S NOTE 28 (B,G) (W Young) D W Lukas 8-10 J Bailey
4 (4) 6153 EXETERA 20 (G) (V Winchell) R McAnally 8-10 A Solis
5 (6) 122 DILIGENCE 21 (G) (Kinsman Stable) N Zito 8-10 E Delahoussaye
6 (8) 14 UNBRIDLED'S SONG 21 (G) (Paraneck Stable) J Ryerson 8-10 M Smith
7 (9) 423413 BLUSHING JIM 20 (G) (A Paulson) N Zito 8-10 Julie Krone
8 (10) 22 DOYLE 26 (R Brimacombe, T McCaffrey, J Toffan) J P Gonzalez 8-10 C Nakatani
9 (11) 211116 HENNESSY 21 (G) (Robert & Beverly Lewis) D W Lukas 8-10 Donna Barton
10 (12) 111 SEACLIFF 28 (G) (H & I Elkins) W Kaplan 8-10 R Douglas
11 (13) 131 HONOUR AND GLORY 20 (G) (M Tabor) D W Lukas 8-10 G Stevens
12F (5) 21 SAMPRAS 16 (F,G) (Wimborne Farm) A P Perkins 8-10 R Davis
13F (7) 11 SECRETO DE ESTADO 28 (G) (R Perez) A Callejas 8-10 C Perret

Pari-mutuel forecast: 3-1 Honour And Glory, 4-1 Hennessy, Diligence, 7-1 Appealing Skier, Editor's Note, Exetera, 10-1 Unbridled's Song, 14-1 Sampras & Secreto De Estado (coupled as the 'field' in all pools). 20-1 others.

6.35 BREEDERS' CUP TURF (Grade I: £666,667: 1m 4f turf) (13 runners)

1 (2) 1-51616 CARNEGIE 27 (G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) A Fabre (Fr) 4-9-0 T Jarnet
1A (11) 111214 TAMURE 14 (F,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden (GB) 3-8-9 L Dettori
2 (1) 212210 AWAD 21 (B,F,G) (Ryehill Farm) D Donk 5-9-0 E Maple
3 (3) 271224 TALLOIRES 13 (B,F,S) (Hubbard/Allred/de Moussac) R Mandella 5-9-0 K Desormeaux
4 (4) 141222 FREEDOM CRY 27 (S) (D Wildenstein) A Fabre (Fr) 4-9-0 O Peslier
5 (5) 033101 FLITCH 31 (B,G,S) (Loblolly Stable) W Badgett Jr 3-8-9 M Smith
6 (6) 113424 ALICE SPRINGS 13 (F,G,S) (Augustin Stables) J Sheppard 5-8-11 Julie Krone
7 (7) 1-31104 LANDO 27 (F,G,S) (Gestut Haus Ittlingen) H Jentzsch (Ger) 5-9-0 M Roberts
8 (8) 64-5102 HERNANDO 21 (F,G,S) (S Niarchos) J Hammond (Fr) 5-9-0 C Asmussen
9 (9) 106201 TURK PASSER 21 (F,S) (M Stanley, L Lemen, S Weiss) F Schulhofer 5-9-0 J Velasquez
10 (10) 0-29203 CELTIC ARMS 21 (G,S) (G Tanaka) R Rash 4-9-0 G Stevens
11 (12) 122-301 NORTHERN SPUR 20 (F,G,S) (C Cella) R McAnally 4-9-0 C McCarron
12 (13) 612133 SIGNAL TAP 42 (F) (Centennial Farms) F Schulhofer 4-9-0 J A Santos

Pari-mutuel forecast: 5-2 Freedom Cry, 3-1 Awad, 4-1 Hernando, 8-1 Carnegie & Tamure (coupled in all pools), 10-1 Turk Passer, 12-1 Northern Spur, 16-1 Celtic Arms, Lando, Signal Tap, 20-1 Alice Springs, Flitch, Talloires.

7.10 BREEDERS' CUP CLASSIC
(Grade I: £1,000,000: 1m 2f dirt) (11 runners)

1 (1) 1-1112 FRENCH DEPUTY 21 (G) (I & M Cowan) N Drysdale 3-8-9 G Stevens
2 (2) 541132 UNACCOUNTED FOR 21 (B,G,S) (Morven Stud Farm) F Schulhofer 4-9-0 P Day
3 (3) 11-1111 HALLING 74 (F,G,S) (Godolphin Stable) S bin Suroor (GB) 4-9-0 W R Swinburn
4 (4) 391653 CONCERN 22 (B,G) (R Meyerhoff) R Small 4-9-0 M Smith
5 (5) 425523 STAR STANDARD 21 (G,S) (W Condren & J Cornacchia) N Zito 3-8-9 C McCarron
6 (6) 114-121 SOUL OF THE MATTER 21 (G) (B Bacharach) R Mandella 4-9-0 K Desormeaux
7 (7) 6-32152 TINNERS WAY 21 (G) (Juddmonte Farms Inc) R Frankel 5-9-0 E Delahoussaye
8 (8) 121214 L'CARRIERE 22 (B,G,S) (Virginia Kraft Payson) H Bond 4-9-0 J Chavez
9 (9) 111211 PEAKS AND VALLEYS 22 (G) (Pin Oak Stable) J Day (Can) 3-8-9 Julie Krone
10 (10) 111111 CIGAR 21 (G) (A Paulson) W Mott 5-9-0 J Bailey
11 (11) 115116 JED FOREST 21 (G) (R Perez) A Callejas 4-9-0 R Douglas

Pari-mutuel forecast: 1-2 Cigar, 6-1 Halling, Unaccounted For, 10-1 Soul Of The Matter, 12-1 Tinners Way, Peaks And Valleys, 14-1 French Deputy, 20-1 Concern, L'Carriere, Star Standard, 50-1 Jed Forest.

WARWICK

THUNDERER
1.15 Pusey Street Boy. 1.45 Dr Rocket. 2.20 James Pigg. 2.50 Rafters. 3.25 Yubralee. 4.00 Olympian. 4.35 Tompetoo.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

1.15 WEST OXFORDSHIRE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,322: 2m) (17 runners)

1 1131 FIRST CENTURY 11 (B,D,F,G,S) M Pipe 6-12-2 D Burrows (8)
2 10-3 DULZURA 21 (D,BF,G,S) A Jarvis 7-11-11 P Morris (6)
3 4041 CAST THE LINE 11 (B,F) C Egerton 5-11-11 T J Murphy
4 58-5 KELLY MAC 11 (D,S) D O'Brien 5-11-9 G Lee
5 2226 LAWNSWOOD JUNIOR 14 (BF,F) J Spearing 8-11-8 S Righton (5)
6 00-6 WISE STATEMENT 10 (G) G Balding 6-11-3 R Arnold (8)
7 5/1 WORDSMITH 8 (D,G,S) J L Harris 5-11-2 P McLoughlin
8 -321 CHRIS'S GLEN 7 (V,D,F,G) J Bradley 6-11-0 S Joynes (3)
9 005- PERSISTENT GUNNER 183 (D,G) R Hodges 5-10-13 T Dascombe (6)
10 3344 JUBILEE ROYALE 10 (D,F) K Bridgwater 4-10-12 D Leahy
11 610- QUINTA ROYALE 156 (D,G) L Snook 8-10-8 Sophie Mitchell
12 P04- FION CORN 343 Mrs F Owen 8-10-0 L Aspell (3)
13 0-U4 AL SKEET 9 (D,F) R Price 9-10-0 B Fenton
14 305/ PUSEY STREET BOY 5F (D,F) J Bosley 8-10-0 A Procter
15 0/05 RADIO CAROLINE 9 M Tate 7-10-0 R Massey
16 6/P6 JON'S CHOICE 9 (V) B Preece 7-10-0 G Hogan
17 0P/P BALLYVAUGHAN LADY 35 Mrs D Thomas 9-10-0 A Lamach

7-2 First Century, 9-2 Cast The Line, 5-1 Chris's Glen, 6-1 Wordsmith, 7-1 Dulzura, 8-1 Jubilee Royale, 12-1 Kelly Mac, Al Skeet, 14-1 others.

1.45 BRANDON HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,326: 2m) (8)

1 3-06 NICKLE JOE 14 (C,F,G,S) M Tate 9-12-0 Mr M Rimell
2 34-0 DRIVING FORCE 11 (B,D,F,G,S) Mrs M McCourt 9-11-10 G McCourt
3 2-33 DR ROCKET 21 (CD,F,G,S) R Dickin 10-11-10 D Meredith
4 3/2- CRAFTY CHAPLAIN 425 (D,F,S) D McCain 9-11-5 D McCain
5 4U3- EVENING RAIN 210 (D,F,G,S) R Hodges 9-10-13 A Tory
6 2-02 MAGGOTS GREEN 15 (D,BF,F,S) J Bradley 8-10-3 B Powell
7 54-P BALLAD RULER 9F (D,G) P Pritchard 9-10-0 R Davis
8 5361 WEST ORIENT 15 (D,F,G) D O'Neill 10-10-0 G Hogan (5)

9-4 Maggots Green, 7-2 Dr Rocket, 4-1 Crafty Chaplain, 6-1 Evening Rain, West Orient, 8-1 Nickle Joe, 20-1 others.

2.20 EDGEHILL HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,926: 3m 2f) (5)

1 2211 JAMES PIGG 7 (F,G,S) M Pipe 8-11-11 D Bridgwater
2 2-41 FAR SENIOR 9 (F,G) K Bailey 9-11-2 T J Murphy (3)
3 -3P4 THE BLUE BOY 9 (B,CD,F,G,S) P Bowen 7-11-1 D Gallagher
4 15-2 DESERT RUN 9 (D,S) P Nicholls 7-10-6 J R Kavanagh
5 2050 FLYING ZIAD 3 (F,G) A Chamberlain 12-10-0 B Powell

5-4 James Pigg, 2-1 Desert Run, 11-4 Far Senior, 20-1 The Blue Boy, Flying Ziad

2.50 TENSATOR HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,633: 2m 4f 110yd) (5)

1 32-2 THE BLACK MONK 11 (V,D,F,G,S) M Pipe 7-11-10 D Bridgwater
2 2-31 KHALIDI 98 (F,G,S) D Gandolfo 6-11-4 Sophie Mitchell (5)
3 4-1P FUTURE KING 14 (G,S) A Jarvis 8-11-3 P Morris (7)
4 16-4 RAFTERS 28 (CD,G,S) J Bradley 6-10-11 B Powell
5 UPP- KANO WARRIOR 189 (F) B Preece 6-10-10 G Hogan (5)

2-1 Khalidi, 5-2 Rafters, 11-4 The Black Monk, 7-2 Future King, 25-1 Kano Warrior.

3.25 ST MARY'S JUVENILE NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,794: 2m) (17)

1 ACE CHAPEL 98F C C Bealby 10-12 M Richards
2 32 ALKA INTERNATIONAL 61 (B) J White 10-12 D Bentley
3 HELLO PETER 46F M Tompkins 10-12 D Gallagher
4 HORSETRADER 12F B Baugh 10-12 Gary Lyons
5 LE SORCIER 110F (V) G Enright 10-12 D Leahy
6 02 MAGICAL BID 7 (B) J Bradley 10-12 B Powell
7 ROCKY MELODY 358F P Ritchens 10-12 A Tory
8 SAATCHMO 36F J Spearing 10-12 Miss C Spearing (7)
9 SOVIET UNION 117F J Bridger 10-12 D O'Sullivan
10 36 YUBRALEE 18F M Pipe 10-12 D Bridgwater
11 ANCHOR CROWN 67F J Jenkins 10-7 C Rae (7)
12 45 CONEYGREE 17 J Wharton 10-7 B Dalton
13 00 CUPRONICKEL 25 D Burchell 10-7 D J Burchell
14 F JOBBER'S FIDDLE 7 D Williams 10-7 G Hogan (5)
15 0 LAWNSWOOD LADY 21 Mrs F Owen 10-7 M W Martin (7)
16 MIXED MOOD 18F B Llewellyn 10-7 V Slattery
17 SULABELL R Hodges 10-7 T Dascombe (7)

5-2 Yubralee, 5-1 Coneygree, 6-1 Alka International, 7-1 Hello Peter, 8-1 Saatchmo, Magical Bid, 10-1 Jobber's Fiddle, 12-1 others.

4.00 BONUSPRINT NOVICES CHASE
(£3,867: 2m 4f 110yd) (6)

1 315- CRACKING IDEA 189 (G) J Edwards 7-11-0 D Bentley
2 5P/ GREYBURY STAR 623P K Bailey 7-11-0 T J Murphy
3 /00- MASTER HUNTER 194 J White 8-11-0 D Bridgwater
4 003- OLYMPIAN 194 (B,F,G) Mrs L Murphy 8-11-0 M Richards
5 5/2- TAKE CHANCES 330 Mrs P Dutfield 7-11-0 B Powell
6 2/4- VICTOR BRAVO 364 (F,G) N Gaselee 8-11-0 J R Kavanagh

5-2 Take Chances, 3-1 Olympian, 7-2 Victor Bravo, 4-1 Cracking Idea, 5-1 Greybury Star, 16-1 Master Hunter.

4.35 BONUSPRINT NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£1,350: 2m) (12)

1 10 TIPPING THE LINE 22 (G) M Pipe 5-11-11 D Burrows (7)
2 0- DEFINITE MAYBE 315 P Nicholls 5-11-4 T Dascombe (7)
3 KILCARNE BAY S Sherwood 5-11-4 S Curran (3)
4 0 SIZZONNE 49 J Bradley 5-11-4 Mr M Daly (7)
5 3 BLAZE BAILEY 15 (BF) B Smart 4-11-3 M Molloy (7)
6 BRANSKI P Nicholls 4-11-3 Miss T Spearing (7)
7 DICTUM N Twiston-Davies 4-11-3 D Walsh (5)
8 6- MR KERMIT 175 A J Wilson 4-11-3 D Leahy
9 TOMPETOO N Twiston-Davies 4-11-3 S Joynes (7)
10 TORIAN Mrs I McKie 4-11-3 Mr T Byrne
11 00- WATT A JOKER 182 Mrs N Macauley 4-11-3 B Fenton (5)
12 5-0 FLY IN AMBER 21 D French Davis 4-10-12 J Magee (3)

3-1 Tipping The Line, 7-2 Branski, 4-1 Kilcarne Bay, 5-1 Blaze Bailey, 7-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Bowen, 3 winners from 3 runners, 100.0%; R Price, 5 from 16, 31.3%; M Pipe, 26 from 102, 25.5%; N Gaselee, 8 from 34, 23.5%; R Hodges, 4 from 19, 21.1%.

JOCKEYS: Mr M Rimell, 3 winners from 8 rides, 37.5%; D Gallagher, 4 from 26, 15.4%; G McCourt, 5 from 44, 11.4%. Only qualifiers

WOLVERHAMPTON

THUNDERER
7.00 Indian Relative. 7.30 Stevie's Wonder. 8.00 Unforeseen. 8.30 Calder King. 9.00 Napoleon's Return. 9.30 Jigsaw Boy.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

7.00 PENDEFORD MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,106: 6f) (13 runners)

1 06 CLINT 78 J Fitch-Heyes 9-0 A Clark 9
2 0 FARMOST 12 M Prescott 9-0 R Perham 6
3 43 FOG CITY 17 W Jarvis 9-0 Emma O'Gorman 3
4 4442 TROJAN RISK 12 G Lewis 9-0 A Whelan (5) 7
5 WYEDEAN W Muir 9-0 G Carter 5
6 EMBROIDERED M Prescott 8-9 G Duffield 8
7 40 GOTLA BIRD 30 M Johnston 8-9 T Williams 2
8 060 HONESTLY 32 B Smart 8-9 S Sanders 12
9 52 INDIAN RELATIVE 15 R Guest 8-9 M Henry (5) 10
10 00 MAGICAL MILL 39 R Guest 8-9 G Hind 11
11 030 MAGIC MELODY 9 J Spearing 8-9 S Drowne (3) 4
12 U5 PEOPLE DIRECT 12 K McAuliffe 8-9 M Tebbutt 1
13 0 TRUTH 5 M Prescott 8-9 C Nutter 13

7-2 Indian Relative, 4-1 Trojan Risk, 5-1 Magic Melody, 6-1 Fog City, 7-1 Wyedean, 8-1 Embroidered, 10-1 Farmost, 12-1 others.

7.30 SHIFNAL CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,243: 1m 4f) (12)

1 0100 PHARLY DANCER 33 (D,G) W Haigh 6-9-10 Dale Gibson 8
2 4012 STEVIE'S WONDER 14 (V,D,BF,G,S) M Ryan 5-9-10 G Carter 1
3 2133 MR BEAN 128J (CD,G) K Burke 5-9-8 J Tate 5
4 -132 ROUSITTO 281 (CD,BF,F,G,S) R Hollinshead 7-9-2 T Ives 11
5 3656 DECEIT THE SECOND 7 (B,F) G Lewis 3-8-13 A Whelan (5) 9
6 00 PRINCETHORPE 78 B Cambidge 8-8-12 A Culhane 4
7 5020 AWESTRUCK 42 (B,CD,F,G,S) B Preece 5-8-10 V Slattery 6
8 0230 ROSE OF GLENN 31 (D,F,G) B Palling 4-8-9 T Sprake 7
9 0480 KISMETIM 18 (CD,G) B Meehan 5-8-8 M Tebbutt 12
10 0500 BALLESTRO 16 J Fitch-Heyes 3-8-3 M Henry (5) 10
11 3436 REMONTANT 9 R Hollinshead 3-8-0 F Lynch (7) 3
12 0000 STEEPHOLME 12 B Millman 3-7-12 J Lowe 2

5-2 Pharly Dancer, 7-2 Stevie's Wonder, 5-1 Mr Bean, 7-1 Rousitto, 9-1 Remontant, 11-1 Rose Of Glenn, 14-1 others.

8.00 CHARLECOTE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,872: 1m 100yd) (9)

1 0 ADAMTON 45 Mrs J Cecil 9-0 J Tate 4
2 2458 DIAMOND MARKET 11 R Hollinshead 9-0 T Ives 5
3 0- GEOLLY 581 J Scargill 9-0 R Perham 8
4 006- GUARDSMAN 21J T Caldwell 9-0 A Culhane 7
5 5630 HALFABOB 14 D Haydn Jones 9-0 A Mackay 1
6 000- SARACEN PRINCE 386 P Kelleway 9-0 M Wigham 9
7 642- UNFORESEEN 425 M Prescott 9-0 G Duffield 6
8 DANNISTAR P Evans 8-9 G Hind 3
9 65 PERSIAN FLOWER 9 G Bravery 8-9 M Fenton 2

2-1 Unforeseen, 7-2 Persian Flower, 11-2 Saracen Prince, 6-1 Guardsman, 7-1 Adamton, 12-1 Geolly, Dannistar, 16-1 others.

8.30 CASTLECROFT HANDICAP (£3,980: 7f) (12)

1 1301 HEATHYARDS LADY 14 (CD,F,G) R Hollinshead 4-9-13 F Lynch (7) 5
2 1303 WHAT A NIGHTMARE 28 (B,CD,F,G) J Glover 3-9-13 A Whelan (5) 10
3 0500 BELLEMINETTE 53 (D,F,G) D Haydn Jones 4-9-12 A Mackay 8
4 0160 DESERT INVADER 38 (C,G,S) D Chapman 4-9-12 A Culhane 11
5 1000 SUPEROO 14 (D,F,G) Mrs P Sly 9-9-11 D McKeown 8
6 1305 NEWBURY COAT 14 (B,F) B Preece 5-9-9 N Adams 9
7 0002 LIVE PROJECT 5 (D,S) M Johnston 3-9-8 T Williams 2
8 0050 BOLD GEM 18 (B,C,F,G) B Meehan 4-9-8 G Hannon (7) 1
9 5025 CALDER KING 19 (B,F,S) J Eyre 4-9-7 T Ives 4
10 5050 DREAM CARRIER 5 (CD,F,G) R Peacock 7-9-6 T Sprake 12
11 2200 DAVID JAMES' GIRL 62 (CD,G,S) A Bailey 3-9-5 S Sanders 3
12 5323 MAPLE BAY 42 (CD,BF,G) A Bailey 6-9-3 D Wright (3) 7

7-2 Live Project, 4-1 Maple Bay, 6-1 Heathyards Lady, 8-1 Dream Carrier, What A Nightmare, 10-1 Desert Invader, Bold Gem, 12-1 others.

9.00 MIDLAND BAR SELLING NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,415: 1m 100yd) (13)

1 0666 RICHARD HOUSE LAD 9 R Hollinshead 9-7 A Culhane 9
2 5040 MY KIND 12 (B,G) K McAuliffe 9-4 G Duffield 6
3 2001 IMAGE MAKER 14 (CD,G) B Preece 9-4 A Clark 5
4 0410 NAPOLEON'S RETURN 14 (F) G Moore 9-2 J Tate 8
5 544 THORNTOUN ESTATE 19 M Johnston 9-1 T Williams 11
6 5650 RED ACUISLE 26 (BF) M Bell 9-0 M Fenton 10
7 0000 HURRICANE HORN 51 W Muir 9-0 S Sanders 1
8 000 LADY OF THE MIST 18 J Moore 9-0 P P Murphy (5) 2
9 3642 YOUNG BUTT 19 J Fitch-Heyes 8-13 M Henry (5) 7
10 5205 ROZEL BAY 14 (B) J Spearing 8-11 S Drowne (3) 12
11 0000 SUNRISE SPECIAL 32 (B) G Lewis 8-10 A Whelan (5) 4
12 6506 JEMSILVERTHORN 5 J Bridger 8-8 A Daly (7) 3
13 0400 PULGA CIRCO 14 B McMahon 8-8 G Carter 13

3-1 Image Maker, 7-2 Napoleon's Return, 4-1 Young Butt, 7-1 Richard House Lad, 10-1 Thorntoun Estate, 12-1 Sunrise Special, 14-1 others.

9.30 WEST MIDLANDS HANDICAP
(£2,208: 6f) (13)

1 0504 JIGSAW BOY 28 (D,F,S) P Murphy 6-10-0 S Drowne (3) 10
2 8800 SOUND THE TRUMPET 50 (G) A Streeter 3-9-13 L Newton (5) 1
3 0000 LADY SILK 56 (D,G,S) Miss J Craze 4-9-13 S Webster 12
4 1450 WE'RE JOKEN 35 (CD,G,S) J Berry 3-9-9 C Lowther (7) 9
5 6004 JAMAICA BRIDGE 28 (D,G) S Norton 5-9-8 O Pears (3) 4
6 0655 PANTHER 14 (CD,G,S) J Hetherton 5-9-9 N Kennedy 13
7 5100 JALMAID 14 (C,G) B McMahon 3-9-8 D Biggs 5
8 5300 PEGGY SPENCER 119 (BF) C Thornton 3-9-6 D McKeown 3
9 0010 SECRET MISS 29 (S) A Jarvis 3-9-8 J Tate 6
10 600- AL SHAATI 336 (D,G) R O'Sullivan 5-9-7 G Duffield 2
11 0006 ALJAZ 28 (D,G,S) R Harris 5-9-7 A Mackay 8
12 2005 ANOTHER BATCHWORTH 14 S Mellor 3-9-6 R Perham 11
13 -003 HARVEST REAPER 12 J L Harris 3-9-5 S Sanders 7

9-2 Harvest Reaper, 5-1 Another Batchworth, 11-2 Secret Miss, 6-1 Panther, 8-1 Jigsaw Boy, 10-1 Jamaica Bridge, Lady Silk, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Johnston, 28 winners from 99 runners, 28.3%; W Jarvis, 3 from 11, 27.3%; R Guest, 5 from 19, 26.3%; J Glover, 7 from 32, 21.9%; M Bell, 5 from 24, 20.8%; G Lewis, 8 from 39, 20.5%.

JOCKEYS: J Tate, 7 winners from 33 rides, 21.2%; T Ives, 18 from 102, 17.6%; G Carter, 17 from 106, 16.0%; G Duffield, 13 from 91, 14.3%; T Sprake, 5 from 36, 13.9%; G Hind, 5 from 38, 13.2%.

KELSO

THUNDERER
1.10 The Last Fling. 1.40 Vavasir. 2.15 Wild Rose Of York. 2.45 Kilcolgan. 3.15 Old Habits. 3.45 Beldine. 4.15 Briar's Delight.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) SIS

1.10 FORESTERS PATHHEAD NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE £2,931: 2m 6f 110yd) (9 runners)

1 11 THE LAST FLING 28 (G) Mrs S Smith 5-11-10 R Guest
2 2-13 TONY'S FEELINGS 50 (F) T Dyer 7-11-4 Peter Hobbs
3 0-51 TOUGH TEST 14 (CD,F) Mrs J Goodfellow 5-11-4 Mr R Hale
4 BARNSTORMER 571P (G) E Elliott 9-10-12 A Thornton
5 FF-R CREESHLA 7 (F,G) J Barclay 6-10-12 J Callaghan
6 50-U DALUSMAN 7 J Birkett 7-10-12 M Moloney
7 -2P4 GOOD PROFIT 14 W Young 6-10-12 F Perratt (3)
8 6-58 TO BE THE BEST 8 D Lamb 5-10-12 Mr A Manners (7)
9 54 STORMING LORNA 32 W McKeown 5-10-7 A Stanford

4-7 The Last Fling, 5-1 Tough Test, 6-1 Dalusman, 10-1 Tony's Feelings, 12-1 Barnstormer, Good Profit, 20-1 others.

1.40 LCL PILS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,840: 3m 1f) (11)

1 U-11 VAVASIR 17 (CD,F,G) Miss L Russell 9-12-0 A Thornton
2 -P32 KILLIMOR LAD 28 (BF) P Monteith 8-11-1 A Dobbin
3 U83- BELLS HILL LAD 243 (S) J Barclay 8-11-0 B Storey
4 -232 MISTI HUNTER 21 Miss M Milligan 6-10-11 R Guest
5 40-P SEEKING GOLD 38 J Barclay 6-10-9 Peter Hobbs
6 6-45 THE ENERGISER 14 D Lamb 9-10-2 Mr A Manners (7)
7 4-P3 RIVER BEE 10 W Reed 6-10-1 D Parker (3)
8 6346 DOXFORD HUT 21 (F) W McKeown 11-10-0 G Cahill (7)
9 000- CELTIC SILVER 199 Mrs S Smith 7-10-0 Mr P Murray (7)
10 PP5- EVE PET 151 J Awsley 11-10-0 M Moloney
11 5R-4 ANDALUCIAN SUN 7 (V) M Hammond 7-10-0 R Burns (7)

6-4 Vavasir, 7-2 Killimor Lad, 9-2 Bells Hill Lad, 6-1 Misti Hunter, 8-1 Seeking Gold, 16-1 Doxford Hut, 25-1 others.

2.15 HARROW HOTEL DALKEITH NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,944: 2m 110yd) (8)

1 0-50 BOETHIUS 19 F Walton 6-11-0 T Reed
2 0P0- GROG 196 D Swindlehurst 6-11-0 Mr D Swindlehurst
3 0P0- JONAEM 285 Mrs E Slack 5-11-0 F Perratt (3)
4 /F4 SHARP AT SIX 21 T Dyer 5-11-0 Peter Hobbs
5 00/ TRIENNIUM 556 R Allan 6-11-0 B Storey
6 PASSION SUNDAY 31F L Lloyd-James 4-10-13 Miss A Deniel (7)
7 0 MANX MONARCH 37 F Murtagh 5-10-9 R Supple
8 312 WILD ROSE OF YORK 14 (F) P Monteith 4-10-8 A Dobbin

4-5 Wild Rose Of York, 7-2 Grog, 4-1 Sharp At Six, 10-1 Boethius, Passion Sunday, 20-1 Manx Monarch, 25-1 others.

2.45 ANDY SCOTT HANDICAP CHASE
(£5,257: 2m 6f 110yd) (7)

1 -311 KUSHBALOO 22 (CD,F,G) C Parker 10-12-0 B Storey
2 43F1 SWORD BEACH 10 (F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 11-11-8 Peter Hobbs
3 U-P SHANNON GLEN 21 (B,F,S) M Smith 9-11-2 G Harker
4 214- EMERALD STORM 185 (G,S) P Monteith 8-11-2 A Dobbin
5 13-1 KILCOLGAN 14 (C,F,S) Mrs J Goodfellow 8-10-12 R Guest
6 3-F3 FORWARD GLEN 10 (B,F) P Cheesbrough 8-10-0 R Supple
7 2324 CHARMING GALE 29 (V,CD,F,S) Mrs S Bradburne 8-10-0 A Watt (7)

2-1 Kushbaloo, 11-4 Kilcolgan, 7-2 Sword Beach, 6-1 Emerald Storm, 10-1 Shannon Glen, 12-1 Forward Glen, 20-1 Charming Gale.

3.15 OOH AAH DAILY STAR HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,209: 2m 6f 110yd) (5)

1 UP3- NOTABLE EXCEPTION 178 (F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-10 Mr M H Naughton (7)
2 63-6 TIGHTER BUDGET 35 (CD,F,S) Mrs E Slack 8-11-1 F Perratt (3)
3 00-4 NOW YOUNG MAN 21 (CD,F,G) Mrs A Swinbank 6-10-5 J Railton
4 2-21 OLD HABITS 6 (F) J Eyre 5-10-5 A Dobbin
5 142- EXEMPLAR 173 (CD,F) Mrs S Smith 7-10-5 R Guest

5-4 Old Habits, 5-2 Notable Exception, 4-1 Exemplar, 7-1 Tighter Budget, 10-1 Now Young Man.

3.45 SALVESEN FOOD SERVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£4,065: 2m 1f) (5)

1 6-11 BELDINE 29 (CD,F,G,S) P Monteith 10-12-0 B Harding (3)
2 1-15 GOLDEN ISLE 128 (D,F,G,S) J Charlton 11-11-7 B Storey
3 1F-P THISTLE PRINCESS 21 (D,BF,F) G Richards 6-11-2 A Dobbin
4 64-P HIGHLY DECORATED 24 (G,S) Mrs S Smith 10-10-0 R Guest
5 -PRP PATTER MERCHANT 7 Mrs D Thomson 8-10-0 R McGrath (7)

8-11 Beldine, 9-4 Golden Isle, 7-1 Thistle Princess, 10-1 Highly Decorated, 25-1 Patter Merchant.

4.15 LEVY BOARD CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,178: 2m 110yd) (7)

1 43-1 STAY AWAKE 17 (D,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 9-12-0 C McCormack (7)
2 1-41 FLASH OF REALM 7 (CD,F,G,S) P Monteith 9-11-10 B Harding
3 34-1 BRIAR'S DELIGHT 14 (V,CD,F,G) R Allan 7-10-10 S Melrose (5)
4 2-33 KEEP BATTLING 14 (D,G) J Goldie 5-10-4 F Perratt
5 633- FLINTLOCK 165 Mrs A Naughton 5-10-3 D Parker
6 0F- PREMIER COUNTY 540 J Barclay 9-10-0 E Callaghan (3)
7 1-U IZZA 38 (G) W Storey 4-10-0 J Supple

7-4 Stay Awake, 5-2 Flash Of Realm, 4-1 Briar's Delight, 8-1 Keep Battling, 10-1 Flintlock, 14-1 Premier County, 16-1 Izza.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 39 winners from 119 runners, 32.8%; Mrs J Goodfellow, 13 from 44, 29.5%; G Richards, 25 from 110, 22.7%; Mrs S Smith, 3 from 14, 21.4%; M Hammond, 14 from 78, 17.9%; R Allan, 9 from 57, 15.8%

JOCKEYS: M Moloney, 14 winners from 59 rides, 23.7%; A Thornton, 8 from 36, 22.2%; B Storey, 25 from 136, 18.4%; J Callaghan, 10 from 57, 17.5%; A Dobbin, 17 from 98, 17.3%; R Guest, 3 from 19, 15.8%.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Newmarket

Going: good to firm

1.00 (6f) 1, FARHANA (T Quinn, 1-2 fav, Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Ocean Stream (D McKeown, 10-1); 3, Cerdan (J Reid, 4-1) ALSO RAN: 20 Ballymoney (6th), Needle Match, Ret Frem, 25 White Plains (5th), 33 Sea Danzig (4th). 8 ran. ½l, hd, 4l, ½l, 2½l. W Jarvis at Newmarket. Tote £1 50; £1.10, £2.30, £1 40. DF: £5 10. CSF £6.56

1.30 (1m) 1, BELIEVE ME (Dane O'Neill, 4-1); 2, Astuti (J Tate, 3-1); 3, Bullfinch (D Harrison, 11-8 fav) ALSO RAN: 7 Candle Smoke (5th), 11 Northern Fleet (4th). 5 ran. 1¼l, hd, 1¾l, 15l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote £4 40; £1.80, £1.50. DF: £7 40. CSF: £14 42.

2.05 (1m 2f) 1, QUANDARY (W Ryan, 5-6 fav); 2, Jagellon (T Quinn, 11-2); 3, Star Of Zilzal (J Reid, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 4 Alkateb (4th). 4 ran. 6l, shd, ¾l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1 70. DF: £3 00. CSF: £5 25.

2.40 (2m) 1, DARAYDAN (K Darley, 5-1, Richard Evans's nap); 2, Kristal's Paradise (J Quinn, 9-2); 3, Old Rouvel (M Hills, 7-1) ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Sateel (4th), 11-2 Shonara's Way (5th), 6 Latahaab (6th), 33 Tethys. 7 ran. Hd, 6l, ¾l, ½l, ¾l. Lady Herries at Littlehampton. Tote: £5 80; £2.40, £2.90. DF: £14.70. CSF: £24 13.

3.15 (1m 4f) 1, SNOW PRINCESS (R Hills, 7-2 fav); 2, Lidhama (S Whitworth, 8-1); 3, Douce Maison (J Tate, 12-1); 4, Ruby Heights (Dane O'Neill, 14-1) ALSO RAN: 7 Ayunli, 11 Masun Kabisa, 14 All The Joys (6th), Bobby's Dream, Pat's Splendour, 16 Hattaafeh, Tirolette, 20 Mafula, No Comebacks, Pass Mark (5th), Smocking, 25 College Night, Faite Ro, Fresh Look, Queens Stroller, 33 Comtec's Legend, Emma Grimes, La Brief, Persian Smoke 23 ran. NR: East Sheen. 1¼l, 1½l, 2l, ½l, 1½l. Lord Huntingdon at West Ilsley. Tote: £4 70; £1.70, £3 50, £2 50, £2 70. DF: £22 10. Trio: £116.40. CSF: £33 65. Tricast: £300 66.

3.50 (5f) 1, DANDE FLYER (B Doyle, 15-8 fav, Thunderer's nap and Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Lady Caroline Lamb (F Norton, 8-1); 3, Antonias Melody (C Teague, 14-1) ALSO RAN: 11-4 Swynford Dream, 6 Playmaker (6th), Thai Morning (4th), 14 Amy Leigh, 33 U-No-Harry (5th). 8 ran. 2½l, 1¾l, 1¾l, 1¾l, 3½l. D Arbuthnot at Compton. Tote: £2.50; £1 30, £2 00, £4 10. DF: £9 40. CSF: £16 31. Tricast: £149.65.

4.25 (1m 1f) 1, SHINING EXAMPLE (R Havlin, 11-2); 2, Ramsdens (Elizabeth Turner, 25-1); 3, Pedaltothemetal (D Sweeney, 16-1); 4, Bakheta (Martin Dwyer, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Battleship Bruce (5th), 5 Wet Patch, 11 Princess Danielle, 12 Kirov Protege, 14 Almuhtaram, 16 Keltaire Girl, Rockusa, 20 Harvey White (6th), Our Tom, 25 Autumn Cover, Miss Jemmima, Nyali Beach, 33 Alpine Storm, Care And Comfort, Fern's Governor. 19 ran. Nk, 2½l, ½l, ¾l, nk. P Makin at Ogbourne Maisey. Tote: £5 00; £1.60, £11 10, £3.40, £15.30. DF: £108 80. Trio: £1,159.20 (part won, pool of £734.75 carried forward to 3.55 at Newmarket 3.55 today). CSF: £125 68. Tricast: £1,899.52.

Placepot: £65.80. Quadpot: £28.10.

Bangor

Going: good

1.20 (2m 1f hdle) 1, SCORCHED AIR (A P McCoy, 12-1); 2, Frontier Flight (14-1); 3, Beechfield Flyer (33-1). ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Persian View, 33 Caldervale (4th). 18 ran. ¾l, 12l. J O'Shea. Tote: £17.00; £4 00, £3.90, £33.00. DF: £33.10. Trio: £224.30 (part won; pool of £284 37 carried forward to 3.55 at Newmarket today). CSF: £168.57.

1.50 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, TOO PLUSH (L Harvey, 5-2 fav); 2, Rectory Garden (4-1); 3, Fair Brother (6-1) ALSO RAN: 9 Fairy Park (4th). 10 ran. 4l, hd. A Turnell. Tote: £3.60; £1.40, £1 80, £2 60. DF: £9.00. Trio: £20.80. CSF: £13.49. Tricast: £67.47.

2.20 (2m 1f 110yd ch) 1, DESTINY CALLS (R Dunwoody, 7-2); 2, Nadiad (33-1); 3, Gesnera (11-2). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Spanish Light, 14 Reeshloch (4th). 9 ran. NR: Trying Again. 15l, 1½l. N Gaselee. Tote: £4.60; £1 60, £3.10, £1.40. DF: £52.90. Trio: £49.90. CSF: £82 51.

2.55 (2m 4f hdle) 1, NIKI DEE (B Grattan, 6-1); 2, Uncle Keeny (5-2 fav); 3, Mr Flutts (8-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Better Bythe Glass (4th). 8 ran. NR: Adrien, Leeswood. 10l, 3½l. P Beaumont. Tote: £5.00; £1.70, £1 50, £2.00. DF: £6 90. Trio: £21 50. CSF: £16.14. Tricast: £95 97.

3.30 (3m 110yd ch) 1, GOOD INSIGHT (G Bradley, 100-30); 2, Malawi (9-2); 3, Irish Gent (40-1) ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Rocco. 25 Tiber Melody (4th). 14 ran. NR: Achiltibuie, Gilbert. Parson's Way. 15l, 4l. C Brooks. Tote: £4.20; £2.00, £1 80, £4.70. DF: £7.30. Trio: £286.50. CSF: £18.53. Tricast: £477.80.

4.05 (2m 1f hdle) 1, TRECENTO (W Marston, 8-1); 2, Fools Errand (8-1); 3, Habasha (12-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Innocent George, 4 Twice A Night (4th). 10 ran. 10l, 6l. J Mackie. Tote: £9.80; £2.20, £2.70, £4.70. DF: £18.70. Trio: £272.70. CSF: £69.93. Tricast: £715.88

4.40 (2m 1f flat race) 1, RIVERDALE BOY (A Roche, 9-1); 2, Mister Morose (12-1); 3, Crampscastle (4-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Baronet, 7 Mahler (4th). 18 ran. Nk, 7l. J J O'Neill. Tote: £23.60; £4.40, £5.20, £2.30. DF: £116.70. Trio: £225.10 (part won; pool of £47.58 carried forward to 3.55 at Newmarket today). CSF: £127.67.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £9,008.45 carried forward to Newmarket today).

Placepot: £1,157.30. Quadpot: £124.20.

Wetherby

Going: good

1.40 (2m hdle) 1, Simply Dashing (L Wyer, 6-5 fav); 2, Gallants Delight (33-1); 3, Midday Blues (15-8). 6 ran. NR: Persuasive Talent. 5l, 15l. M H Easterby. Tote: £2.20; £1.20, £11.20. DF: £49 70. CSF: £24.98.

2.10 (2m ch) 1, Supertop (T Reed, 2-5 fav); 2, Grundon (2-1). 2 ran. Dist. L Lungo. Tote: £1 30.

2.45 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Hit The Canvas (P Niven, 4-5 fav); 2, Memorable (12-1); 3, Northumbrian King (10-1). 4 ran. NR: Master Of Troy, Nahri. 2l, 2l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £1.80. DF: £4.50. CSF: £7 61.

3.20 (3m ch) 1, Wind Force (J Railton, 4-5 fav); 2, Beaucadeau (7-4); 3, Cross Cannon (5-1). 3 ran. NR: Old Bridge. 10l, 5l. G Richards. Tote: £1.60. DF: £1.30. CSF: £2 38.

3.55 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Gale Ahead (N Bentley, 2-7 fav); 2, Kidlaw (7-2); 3, Woltsville (25-1). 4 ran. 9l, dist. G Moore. Tote: £1.30. DF: £1 60. CSF: £1 68.

4.30 (3m 1f hdle) 1, South Westerly (G Lee, 1-2 fav); 2, Owens Quest (10-3); 3, Mufid (14-1). 4 ran. 2l, 6l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £1.50. DF: £1.70. CSF: £2.56.

Placepot: £4.50. Quadpot: £1.40.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: GREAT MARQUESS
(3.00 Wetherby)

Next best: Delta Soleil
(3.55 Newmarket)

Thunderer went through the card at Wetherby yesterday. He also gave Trecento (8-1) at Bangor and Daraydan (5-1) at Newmarket, which was Richard Evans's nap.

☐ Lady Herries saddles Maralinga (Simon Whitworth) in the listed Grand Prix du Nord at Le Croise-Laroche today. In France tomorrow, Peter Chapple-Hyam's Polaris Flight (John Reid) will be the sole British runner in the group one Criterium de Saint-Cloud, in which he faces only four rivals. Chapple-Hyam also sends Snowtown (Kevin Darley) for the group three Premio Carlo Porta at San Siro, Milan.

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He's A King to confirm early promise

ASCOT
BBC1

12.55: Backgammon failed to land the odds in lesser company last term after two promising outings. Preference is for **He's A King**, three times successful on the level and a good winner on his debut over timber earlier this month.

1.30: Glemot makes too many jumping errors to recommend with any confidence. **Straight Talk** gets the vote. A former pointer, Straight Talk successfully graduated to racing under Rules last season and can continue the good work. Willsford may find this trip too sharp.

2.05: **Storm Alert**, who loves this course, can land this race for the third successive year. This is his first outing for David Nicholson's stable but he goes well fresh and is not harshly handicapped. King Credo improved greatly towards the end of last term but starts the season on a lofty mark. Big Matt has more scope for improvement. Egypt Mill Prince may struggle if Clay County sets his usual cracking pace.



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION



Cab On Target, left, seen duelling with Jodami over fences, reappears over hurdles at Wetherby today

NEWMARKET
CHANNEL 4

2.10: Polar Eclipse hails from the stable that has landed the last two runnings of this event. He should go well but faces a tough opponent in **Weet-A-Minute**.

2.45: **Louis' Queen** makes more appeal than Bin Rosie, who is not one to trust implicitly. Louis' Queen encounters the fast surface on which she showed promise in August. First Island looks the danger now that he, too, encounters fast ground. Indian Fly has never won at this trip while Celestial Key is out of form.

3.20: This is best left to **Elshabiba**, an expensive failure on his Ascot debut. That he has not been seen in the intervening three months suggests something troubled him that day. Highly rated at home, he deserves another chance.

3.55: My three against the field are Samba Sharply, Tarawa and **Ron's Secret**. The selection may appear harshly handicapped but she is one of those fast-improving fillies to keep on the right side. She represents good each-way value. Western Fame laboured last time out and may now be feeling his busy campaign. Comanche Companion would prefer easier ground.

WETHERBY
CHANNEL 4

2.25: The healthy weight concession **Lodestone Lad** receives from The Toaster earns him the vote. He tackled this trip for the first time when successful at Fakenham last week and remains on the upgrade. Sea Breaker looks unwilling, while Magellan Bay's jumping has seriously undermined him.

3.00: Mary Reveley, who looks set for a lucrative afternoon, should be on the mark here with **Cab On Target**. The nine-year-old remains hard to beat in these conditions events and has little to fear from Great Marquess or Sassiver. Avro Anson would pose a threat if at his best.

3.35: Barton Bank's suspect jumping has twice denied him victory in this race. He receives 8lb from **Young Hustler** but the latter, a more accomplished fencer, gets the vote. Over The Deel, third in the Grand National, has little chance on these terms.

4.10: This looks best left to **Executive Design**, who came good at the first attempt at Newbury last week. He appears an above-average recurit to the jumping ranks. Likewise, Dawn Mission made no mistake on his hurdles debut and looks the danger. Inexperience cost Chicodari victory on his debut over timber. David Nicholson's contender will improve for the outing and should reach a place.

JULIAN MUSCAT

THUNDERER

12.55 Backgammon | 2.40 Rutland Gate
1.30 Veleda II | 3.10 Woodrising
2.05 Storm Alert | 3.40 Father Power
 | 4.10 Salwan

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.10 WOODRISING.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS

12.55 UNITED HOUSE DEVELOPMENT NOVICES HURDLE — BBC1
(£3,891: 2m 110yd) (11 runners)

1 11634 THANE 14 (F) (C Stewart) J Jenkins 6-11-7 — P Carberry 50
2 12311F BLAIR CASTLE 30 (D,F) (Highflyers) G Balding 4-11-6 — A P McCoy 70
3 1 HE'S A KING 18 (F) (Mrs J Emery) C Popham 5-11-4 — M A Fitzgerald 60
4 5/6026-1 MERLINS DREAM 16 (F) (W Watt) O Sherwood 6-11-4 — M Richards 61
5 3312F-1 SHAARID 10 (F,G) (P Diddell) I Balding 7-11-4 — R Dunwoody 58
6 6221-12 SPEEDWELL PRINCE 28 (D,F) (Bar Fixtures Part'ship) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-4 — C Maude 57
7 14 PERSIAN SAINT 15 (BF,S) (Whitcombe Manor Stables) D Elsworth 4-11-3 — Mr P Henley 59
8 AWESOME VENTURE 5F (Market Rasen Racing Club) M Chapman 5-11-0 — W Worthington –
9 0-P SHANNON LAD 35 (The Killaughey Family) A Cassil 5-11-0 — D Morris –
10 533- BACKGAMMON 157 (W Stor) J Old 4-10-13 — T Grantham
11 MR EDGAR (Felix Rosenstiel's Widow & Son) J Gifford 4-10-13 — P Hide –

BETTING: 7-2 Backgammon, 4-1 Merlins Dream, 5-1 He's A King, 6-1 Speedwell Prince, Shaarid, 7-1 Blair Castle, 8-1 Persian Saint, 14-1 others.

1994: BERUDE NOT TO 5-11-0 J Osborne (Evens fav) O Sherwood 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

BLAIR CASTLE beat Most Equal 7¾l in 4-runner handicap hurdle at Exeter (2m 1f 110yd, hard) on penultimate start. HE'S A KING beat Mister O'Grady 3l in 10-runner novice hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, good to firm) with PERSIAN SAINT (7lb better off) neck and 4l 4th. MERLINS DREAM beat Speaker's House 7l in 10-runner novice hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, good to firm). SHAARID beat Sizzled 3l in 7-runner novice hurdle at Exeter (2m 110yd, good to firm). SPEEDWELL PRINCE ½l 2nd of 14 to Call Equiname in novice hurdle at Chepstow (2m 110yd, good). BACKGAMMON 3¾l 3rd of 20 to Shelter in grade I Murphys Irish Stout Champion 4yo Hurdle at Punchestown (2m, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: BACKGAMMON

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
I Balding	4	13	30.8	A P McCoy	5	15	33.3
D Nicholson	11	40	27.5	C Maude	4	14	28.6
C Mann	3	11	27.3	S McNeill	7	34	20.6
O Sherwood	11	48	22.9	M A Fitzgerald	11	60	18.3

1.30 BAGSHOT HANDICAP CHASE — BBC1
(£8,208: 3m 110yd) (5 runners)

1 121101- WILLSFORD 189 (F,G,S) (A Kaplan) Mrs J Pitman 12-12-0 — W Marston 98
2 2311-12 GLEMOT 14 (BF,F,G,S) (D Yardy) K Bailey 7-10-12 — S McNeill
3 11-2111 GENERAL RUSTY 14 (D,F,G) (M Watt) C Mann 7-10-7 — DOUBTFUL 96
4 326125- VELEDA II 182 (D,F,G,S) (L Froomes) Mrs S Bramall 8-10-2 — J Burke 90
5 1110-14 STRAIGHT TALK 14 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs C Paterson) P Nicholls 8-10-0 — A P McCoy 90

Long handicap: Straight Talk 9-10

BETTING: 11-8 Glemot, 11-4 Willsford, 7-2 Straight Talk, 9-2 Veleda II

1994: DOCKLANDS EXPRESS 12-12-0 J Osborne (5-2 jt-fav) K Bailey 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

WILLSFORD beat Sweet Duke 2l in 22-runner grade III Stakis Casinos Scottish Grand National at Ayr (4m 1f, good to firm). GLEMOT 3½l 2nd of 7 to Wind Force in handicap chase at Stratford (2m 5f 110yd, good). GENERAL RUSTY completed treble, beat Bas de Laine 9l in 9-runner handicap chase at Kempton (3m, good), with STRAIGHT TALK (6lb better off) 7l 3rd. VELEDA II best effort last season, beat Tartan Tradewinds 4l in 12-runner handicap chase at Carlisle (3m, good to firm).
Selection: GLEMOT (nap)

2.05 UNITED HOUSE CONSTRUCTION HANDICAP CHASE — BBC1
(£16,856: 2m) (8 runners)

1 F/15300- STORM ALERT 209 (CD,F,G,S) D Nicholson 9-12-0 — Mr R Johnson 94
2 33200-3 EGYPT MILL PRINCE 22 (BF,D,F,G,S) (S Webb) Mrs J Pitman 9-11-8 — W Marston
3 231121- CLAY COUNTY 184 (D,F,G,S) (The County Set) M Hammond 10-11-5 — R Dunwoody 96
4 P/24F11- KING CREDO 214 (D,F,G,S) (J Sobam) S Woodman 10-10-7 — J F Titley 95
5 511531- BIG MATT 179 (CD,F,G,S) (R Shaw) N Henderson 7-10-7 — M A Fitzgerald 96
6 1401-21 WHAT'S IN ORBIT 14 (D,F,G,S) (C Paterson) P Nicholls 10-10-7 — A P McCoy 97
7 23220-3 MR FELIX 14 (D,F,G,S) (Felix Rosenstiel's Widow & Son) J Gifford 9-10-7 — P Hide 78
8 133235 RUPPLES 7 (D,F,G) (Exors of C Hague) M Chapman 8-10-7 — W Worthington 64

Long handicap: King Credo 10-2, Big Matt 10-0, What's In Orbit 10-0, Mr Felix 8-8, Rupples 7-4.

BETTING: 3-1 King Credo, 4-1 Clay County, 9-2 Egypt Mill Prince, What's In Orbit, 5-1 Storm Alert, Big Matt, 14-1 others.

1994: STORM ALERT 8-12-0 S McNeill (11-4) A Turnell 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

STORM ALERT won this race last year, best effort since when 4l 3rd of 4 to Nakir in handicap chase over course and distance (good). EGYPT MILL PRINCE best effort last season when 2½l 2nd of 8 to Martha's Son in grade II Victor Chandler Handicap Chase over course and distance (good) with STORM ALERT (1lb better off) 37½l 7th. CLAY COUNTY beat Political Tower 1¾l in 5-runner Perth handicap chase (2m, good). KING CREDO completed double, beat Around The Horn 1¾l in 5-runner Sandown handicap chase (2m, good to firm). BIG MATT beat Kibreet 7l in 5-runner handicap chase over course and distance (good to firm). WHAT'S IN ORBIT beat Wickfield Lad 5l in 5-runner Kempton handicap chase (2m, good) with MR FELIX (19lb worse off) 11l 3rd.
Selection: EGYPT MILL PRINCE

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Ascot: 3.10 Basil Street. Belmont Park: 4.27 Owington. Kelso: 1.40 Andalucian Sun. Newmarket: 1.35 Hill Climber, Righteous Gent. 3.20 Montserrat. 3.55 Billy Bushwacker, Noble Sprinter. Warwick: 3.25 Alka International, Le Sorcier. Wolverhampton: 9.00 My Kind, Sunrise Special.

2.40 VALLEY GARDENS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,550: 2m 4f) (10 runners)

1 P40-121 PHARARE 6 (F) (C Colquhoun) R Woodhouse 5-11-10 — L O'Hara 94
2 513-533 DAWN FLIGHT 32 (B,D,F) (Mrs C Davis) J Jenkins 6-11-8 — P Carberry 87
3 004242- DEVIL'S CORNER 149 (H Webb) H Webb 7-11-7 — S McNeill 88
4 F4322P- RUTLAND GATE 151 (G) (B Macnaelson) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 8-11-6 — R Greene 89
5 004344- DRUMMOND WARRIOR 178 (D Wilson) T Thomson Jones 5-11-0 — M A Fitzgerald 86
6 0-2114P COUCHANT 31F (B,F,G) (A Albright) J White 4-11-0 — A P McCoy 87
7 252361- THE CARROT MAN 182 (G) (Mrs J Wetherorth) P Winkworth 7-10-13 — P Hide –
8 20-1633 BRITANNIA MILLS 15 (F) (A Mann) M Chapman 4-10-10 — W Worthington 84
9 6460- JIMMY'S FANCY 172 (S Jones) Mrs S Williams 7-10-8 — S Lyons
10 00P85-1 GOLDEN NUGGET 22 (D,F,S) (W Carroll) E Alston 8-10-8 — R Dunwoody 90

BETTING: 4-1 Pharare, 9-2 Golden Nugget, 5-1 The Carrot Man, Dawn Flight, 7-1 Devil's Corner, 8-1 Couchant, 10-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

3.10 BINFIELD JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(3-Y-O: £3,371: 2m 110yd) (8 runners)

1 1132 WOODRISING 8 (D,G) (The Blue Chip Group) C Egerton 11-3 — J A McCarthy
2 42 BASIL STREET 8 (B) (M Wain) C Mann 11-0 — R Dunwoody 83
3 CADDY'S FIRST 28F (S Mellor) S Mellor 11-0 — M Perrett –
4 0 KILCORAN BAY 14 (N Harris) I Balding 11-0 — G Bradley 80
5 KING OF BABYLON 29F (R Cohen) Lady Herries 11-0 — E Murphy –
6 0 OCEAN HAWK 21 (Miss J Broadhurst) N Twiston-Davies 11-0 — C Maude 75
7 0 TOSKANO 8 (Berkshire Commercial Components Ltd) D Williams 11-0 — A P McCoy –
8 2204 WARSTEAD 8 (B Hutchinson) J Jenkins 11-0 — P Carberry 78

BETTING: 11-4 Woodrising, 9-1 Caddy's First, 7-2 Basil Street, 7-1 King Of Babylon, Ocean Hawk, Warstead, 8-1 others.

1994: GOLDEN ARROW 11-0 J Osborne (Evens fav) I Balding 14 ran

3.40 STANLAKE NOVICES CHASE
(£4,464: 2m 3f 110yd) (3 runners)

1 RF0226- FATHER POWER 152 (P Bowling) P Hobbs 7-11-2 — A P McCoy
2 021/43/ JACKSON FLINT 605 (F) (Mrs L Turner) T Thomson Jones 7-11-2 — M A Fitzgerald –
3 455451/ KING'S TREASURE 544 (F,G,S) (P Mellon) I Balding 6-11-2 — R Dunwoody –

BETTING: 5-4 King's Treasure, 6-4 Jackson Flint, 3-1 Father Power

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

4.10 COPPER HORSE HANDICAP HURDLE
(£4,947: 2m 110yd) (6 runners)

1 3111/ ROLL A DOLLAR 42F (D,F,G) (K Higson) D Elsworth 9-11-10 — R Dunwoody –
2 32300-2 SALWAN 28 (D,G,S) (Peter J Douglas Engineering) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-5 — W Marston
3 11PPI/ ADMIRAL'S WELL 28F (D,F,G,S) (A Spence) R Akehurst 5-11-5 — S Ryan –
4 20331-F ZAITOON 28 (D,F,G) (Cheltenham Racing Ltd) D Nicholson 4-10-3 — Mr R Johnson 97
5 34231- NON VINTAGE 25 (D,S) (A Mann) M Chapman 4-10-0 — W Worthington 80
6 001- ELFAA 211 (D,F) (R Toom) N Henderson 4-10-0 — M A Fitzgerald 78

Long handicap: Non Vintage 9-10, Elfaa 9-6.

BETTING: 11-4 Admiral's Well, 3-1 Roll A Dollar, 7-2 Zaitoon, 4-1 Salwan, 6-1 Elfaa, 7-1 Non Vintage.

1994: ATOURS 6-10-2 P Holley (1-3 fav) D Elsworth 4 ran

THUNDERER

1.00 Mountain Holly | 2.45 Bin Rosie
1.35 Sharp Shuffle | 3.20 LAAFEE (nap)
2.10 Weet-A-Minute | 3.55 Ertlon
 | 4.25 Night Wink

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.00 Really A Dream. 2.45 Bin Rosie. 3.55 ERTLON (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE — SIS

1.00 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND BALATON LODGE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(2-Y-O: £5,166: 7f) (20 runners)

101 (11) ANTIGUAN JANE (P Locke) R Armstrong 8-11 — R Price –
102 (7) 3 AWAAMIR 16 (H Al Maktoum) J Gosden 8-11 — R Hills 96
103 (20) BATHILDE (Sultan Al Kabeer) M Stoute 8-11 — K Bradshaw –
104 (15) BELLAPHENTO (J Salisbury) R Williams 8-11 — R Cochrane –
105 (5) 0 BELMARITA 10 (G Hubbard) M Tompkins 8-11 — P Robinson –
106 (14) 0 BLESSED SPIRIT 15 (W Stuttaford) C Wall 8-11 — W Woods 88
107 (13) 8 CHALK DUST 11 (BF) (C Wright) P Cole 8-11 — T Quinn –
108 (17) 0 FRAN GODFREY 63 (S Slack) P Walwyn 8-11 — D Harrison 73
109 (1) LADY JOSHUA (Mrs A Butler) J Dunlop 8-11 — G Carter –
110 (4) 3500 LYZIA 32 (Marwan Al Maktoum) C Brittain 8-11 — B Doyle
111 (8) MOUNTAIN HOLLY (Sheikh Mohammed) D Loder 8-11 — R Hughes –
112 (19) ON FAIR STAGE (S Hassoni) M Stoute 8-11 — K Darley –
113 (10) PASSAGE CREEPING (T Brodenell) L Cumani 8-11 — W Ryan –
114 (12) REALLY A DREAM (P Pritchard) M Stoute 8-11 — J Reid –
115 (6) 25 SMILE FOREVER 39 (Blandford Thoroughbreds) P Cole 8-11 — C Rutter 96
116 (16) SOUFRIERE (Sultan Al Kabeer) L Cumani 8-11 — O Urbina –
117 (3) 0 SYLVELLA 28 (J Fisher) M Jarvis 8-11 — D R McCabe (3) 80
118 (2) TART (Lady Rothschild) R Johnson Houghton 8-11 — A McGlone –
119 (6) VICTIM OF LOVE (N Bryce-Smith) R Charlton 8-11 — T Sprake –
120 (18) WOLF CLEUGH (C Humphris) A Hide 8-11 — J Williams –

BETTING: 7-2 Awaamir, 5-1 Mountain Holly, 7-1 Really A Dream, 8-1 On Fair Stage, 10-1 Soufriere, Lyzia, Passage Creeping, 12-1 others.

1994: ALESSIA 8-11 M Hills (8-1) B Hills 17 ran

1.35 NGK SPARK PLUGS SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,013: 1m) (15 runners)

201 (5) 221605 SILVER WELCOME 14 (F) (P Hurst) M H Easterby 9-0 — M Birch 92
202 (12) 00005 BAILIWICK 37 (R Hambro) N Graham 8-11 — Paul Eddery 79
203 (2) 000000 DRAGONJOY 29 (T Bazna) J Payne 8-11 — A McGlone 83
204 (14) 0 HILL CLIMBER 18 (B) (R Green Fine Paintings) M Bell 8-11 — M Fenton –
205 (3) 0360 NEEDLE KNOT 16 (N L Racing) M Johnston 8-11 — K Darley 90
206 (4) 60 RIGHTEOUS GENT 47 (B) (Mrs H Raw) K McAuliffe 8-11 — J Carroll 85
207 (1) 5025 SHARP SHUFFLE 9 (Mrs H Prendergast) R Hannon 8-11 — J Reid
208 (11) 20200 STATE APPROVAL 25 (Mrs A Jarvis) A Jarvis 8-11 — J Tate 90
209 (15) 003050 BALPARE 15 (G) (M Hill) N Callaghan 8-9 — R Hughes 96
210 (7) 4132 BUMBLEFOOT 14 (BF,G) (G & P Partners) M Johnston 8-9 — T Williams 95
211 (9) 10005 LINDAS DELIGHT 19 (F) (L Doherty) J Moore 8-9 — J F Egan 94
212 (13) 453034 APARTMENTS ABROAD 16 (P Barclay) K McAuliffe 8-6 — DOUBTFUL 94
213 (6) GLOWING REEDS (Glowing Reeds Partners) P McBride 8-6 — G Carter –
214 (8) 0 ON THE WILDSIDE 16 (W Ponsonby) M Channon 8-6 — P P Murphy (5) –
215 (10) 0 POLAR SPIRIT 19 (Cheveley Park) W Haggas 8-6 — R Hills 91

BETTING: 7-2 Sharp Shuffle, 5-1 Silver Welcome, 7-1 Bumblefoot, 8-1 others.

1994: DOMAPPEL 8-11 J Weaver (12-1) W Jarvis 30 ran

2.10 ASKO APPLIANCES ZETLAND STAKES — C4
(Listed race: 2-Y-O: £9,246: 1m 2f) (6 runners)

301 (6) 533111 WEET-A-MINUTE 12 (F,G) (E Westman Ltd) R Hollinshead 9-2 — T Ives
302 (1) 5 ATHENRY 32 (A Thompson) J Pearce 8-11 — G Bardwell 83
303 (5) 133 EXALTED 8 (G) (Mrs F Watts) M Prescott 8-11 — G Duffield 96
304 (4) 0231 GENTILHOMME 33 (D,F) (Fahd Salman) P Cole 8-11 — T Quinn 93
305 (2) 1 POLAR ECLIPSE 17 (S) (J Good) M Johnston 8-11 — J Reid 98
306 (3) 555 ZAFORUM 19 (Forum Ltd) L Montague Hall 8-11 — B Doyle 75

BETTING: 7-4 Polar Eclipse, 9-4 Weet-A-Minute, 4-1 Exalted, 5-1 Gentilhomme, 12-1 Zaforum, 16-1 Athenry

1994: DOUBLE ECLIPSE 8-9 J Weaver (4-1 jt-fav) M Johnston 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

WEET-A-MINUTE beat Warbrook 2½l in listed race at Pontefract (1m, firm). EXALTED 2l 3rd of 10 to Crystal Falls in nursery at Doncaster (1m, firm). GENTILHOMME beat Flyfisher short-head in maiden at Bath (1m 2f, good to firm) POLAR ECLIPSE beat Alessandra 1¾l in 9-runner maiden at Haydock (7f, good to soft).
Selection: POLAR ECLIPSE

2.45 ASKO APPLIANCES MARSHALL STAKES — C4
(Listed race: £11,513: 1m) (7 runners)

401 (4) 152321 BIN ROSIE 30 (B,CD,G) (W Said) D Loder 3-8-12 — K Darley
402 (6) 306600 CELESTIAL KEY 28 (D,F,G) (M Bredrick) M Johnston 5-8-12 — P Robinson 92
403 (1) 362216 INDIAN FLY 14 (D,G,S) (Asko Appliances) R Hannon 4-8-12 — J Reid 91
404 (3) 21124 CLAN BEN 11 (CD,BF,F,S) (A Dundee) H Cecil 3-8-9 — W Ryan 90
405 (7) 113245 FIRST ISLAND 28 (D,F,G) (Mollers Racing) G Wragg 3-8-9 — M Hills 90
406 (2) 1110-25 LOUIS' QUEEN 22 (F,G,S) (P Winfield) J Dunlop 3-8-4 — T Quinn 94
407 (5) 836061 STRUTTING 18 (B,S) (M Grant) R Hannon 3-8-4 — R Hills 89

BETTING: 7-4 Bin Rosie, 7-2 First Island, 5-1 Louis' Queen, 6-1 Indian Fly, 8-1 Celestial Key, 10-1 others.

1994: MUJO 3-8-9 J Weaver (11-10 fav) D Loder 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

BIN ROSIE beat Red Carnival 2l in 13-runner listed race over course and distance (good). CLAN BEN 3l 2nd of 12 to Wijara in conditions race at Newbury (1m 1f, good to soft) on penultimate start with FIRST ISLAND 1¾l 4th. STRUTTING beat Celtic Fringe 8l in conditions race at Chepstow (1m 2f, good to soft).
Selection: BIN ROSIE

3.20 ASKO APPLIANCES QUALITY CONDITIONS STAKES — C4
(£6,744: 6f) (7 runners)

501 (3) LE BAM BAM (J Peters Synd) T Clement 3-9-7 — S Davies –
502 (1) 4 MONTY 18 (Whiteways Racing) D Chappell 3-9-7 — W Woods 71
503 (6) 005065 MONTSERRAT 11 (V,S) (Mrs A Yearley) L Cottrell 3-9-5 — M Fenton 86
504 (4) 5 CASSIMERE 16 (Mrs D Ellis) D Chappell 3-9-2 — R Cochrane –
505 (2) 843430 LATCHING 21 (A Pye-Jeary) R Johnson Houghton 3-9-2 — J Reid 97
506 (5) 212 LAAFEE 87 (D,BF,F) (H Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 2-8-8 — R Hills
507 (7) 2 ELSHABIBA 98 (BF) (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 2-8-5 — T Quinn 86

BETTING: 6-4 Laafee, 2-1 Elshabiba, 7-1 Montserrat, 8-1 Latching, 10-1 Monty, Cassimere, 25-1 Le Bam Bam.

1994: NWAAMIS 8-5 W Carson (5-1) J Dunlop 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

MONTSERRAT 2l 5th of 20 to Bajan Rose in handicap at Chepstow (6f, soft). LATCHING 2l 3rd of 18 to Squire Corrie in handicap here (5f, good) LAAFEE 1l 2nd of 4 to Defined Feature in conditions race at Pontefract (6f, good to firm). ELSHABIBA ¾l 2nd of 4 to Tamhid in maiden at Ascot (6f, good to firm).
Selection: ELSHABIBA

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
D Loder	19	77	24.7	D R McCabe	10	62	16.1
R Charlton	22	102	21.6	Dane O'Neill	4	25	16.0
H Cecil	59	302	19.5	J Stack	4	34	11.8
J Gosden	58	370	15.7	S Davies	5	44	11.4

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.55 LADBROKE AUTUMN HANDICAP — C4
(£24,084: 1m) (30 runners)

601 (17) 541000 KAYVEE 28 (D,F,G) (J Richmond-Watson) G Harwood 6-10-0 — A Clark 94
602 (29) 130211 NIGHT DANCE 21 (D,F,G,S) (G Wright) G Lewis 3-9-7 — A Whelan (5)
603 (21) 0131 TARAWA 16 (CD,F,S) (Mrs J Callaghan) N Callaghan 3-9-2 — R Hughes 92
604 (3) 210310 WEAVER BIRD 28 (D,F,G) (Mrs H Candy) H Candy 5-9-2 — W Newnes 92
605 (2) 6-04134 SHARP REVIEW 57J (F,G) (Mrs H Al Salam) J Jenkins 7-9-2 — A McGlone 90
606 (18) 013132 WESTERN FAME 23 (BF,G) (S Khaled) J Dunlop 3-9-1 — T Quinn 95
607 (19) 130413 RON'S SECRET 18 (D,F,S) (Mrs L Popely) J Payne 3-9-1 — M Henry (5) 96
608 (23) 21100-0 ETHBAAT 14 (F) (Fayzad Thoroughbred Ltd) W Muir 4-9-1 — J Tate 85
609 (9) 46-104 DELTA SOLEIL 28 (D,F) (American Connection II) P Harris 3-8-13 — G Hind 91
610 (4) 164000 BILLY BUSHWACKER 28 (B,D,F,G,S) (T Child) Mrs M Reveley 4-8-13 — K Darley 88
611 (10) 605501 STONE RIDGE 14 (CD,F) (Mrs C Harrington) R Hannon 3-8-13 — Dane O'Neill (5) 91
612 (16) 552600 WAKEEL 28 (C,G) (Mrs J Cheston) S Dow 3-8-12 — G Duffield 92
613 (30) 250131 COMANCHE COMPANION 21 (D,F,G,S) T Naughton 5-8-11 — J D Smith (5) 95
614 (5) D43220 BALL GOWN 21 (C,D,F,G,S) (C Lowes) D Thom 5-8-10 — J Reid 97
615 (26) 100064 ERTLON 10 (D,F,G) (C Brittain) C Brittain 5-8-10 — B Doyle 93
616 (1) 322236 COOL EDGE 24 (F) (H Chan) M Tompkins 4-8-9 — P Robinson 91
617 (12) 421012 MO-ADDAB 14 (C,D,F,G,S) (S Hammond) A Stewart 5-8-9 — R Hills 91
618 (15) 6-50000 OUR RITA 28 (D,F,G,S) (J Crisp) J Scargill 6-8-9 — R Cochrane 95
619 (25) 124650 CELESTIAL CHOIR 14 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs C Sykes) J Eyre 5-8-9 — N Varley (3) 95
620 (28) 080020 SERIOUS 21 (C,G) (Mrs D Haynes) Lady Herries 5-8-8 — Paul Eddery 95
621 (7) 050205 PAY HOMAGE 7 (D,F,G) (Miss A Hill) I Balding 7-8-8 — D Griffiths (5) 96
622 (27) 000025 COUNTRY LOVER 14 (D,F,G) (G Branton) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-7 — M Hills 94
623 (24) 221212 CONSPICUOUS 21 (F,G) (Mrs J Hopkins) L Cottrell 5-8-7 — J Quinn 98
624 (20) 015504 CLIFTON FOX 14 (D,F,G) (P and S Partners) J Glover 3-8-6 — S D Williams 92
625 (8) 225301 SAMBA SHARPLY 9 (D,F,S) (Miss V Jarvis) A Hide 4-8-5 — W Woods 91
626 (11) 24102 CELTIC FRINGE 18 (D,F) (H de Walden) H Cecil 3-8-5 — W Ryan 89
627 (13) 14-0233 NOBLE SPRINTER 21 (B,BF,F) (Khaemaher) R Hannon 3-8-5 — R Perham 95
628 (14) 501050 MA PETITE ANGLAISE 14 (D,F,G) (K Seow) W Jarvis 3-8-4 — J Carroll 88
629 (22) 212100 APOLLONO 14 (D,F) (J Ruggles) J Fanshawe 3-8-4 — D Harrison 97
630 (6) 241000 SAIFAN 4 (B,CD,F,G) (Ms L Hawes) D Morris 6-8-4 — J Stack (3) 90

BETTING: 10-1 Delta Soleil, Night Dance, 12-1 Conspicuous, Tarawa, 14-1 Western Fame, Comanche Companion, Mo-Addab, 16-1 Ball Gown, Celestial Choir, 20-1 Ron's Secret, Stone Ridge, Country Lover, 25-1 others.

1994: MASTER BEVELED 4-8-4 J Stack (15-2) P Evans 25 ran

FORM FOCUS

NIGHT DANCE completed double, beat CONSPICUOUS (1lb better off) ½l in 22-runner handicap at Ascot (1m, soft) with TARAWA (5lb worse off) 2l 3rd. TARAWA beat Aerobing 1¾l in 20-runner handicap over course and distance (good to firm). WESTERN FAME ½l 2nd of 6 to Hi Nod in handicap at York (7f, good to firm). STONE RIDGE beat MO-ADDAB (1lb better off) neck in 23-runner handicap over course and distance (good to firm) with CLIFTON FOX (6lb better off) 2¾l 4th, COUNTRY LOVER (6lb better off) neck 5th, APOLLONO (7lb better off) 2l 8th, SAIFAN (7lb better off) ½l 9th, CELESTIAL CHOIR (7lb better off) 2½l 16th, MA PETITE ANGLAISE (7lb better off) 1½l 18th. COMANCHE COMPANION beat Barrel Of Hope 1¼l in 23-runner handicap at York (7f, good). BALL GOWN neck 2nd of 39 to Cap Juluca in Cambridgeshire Handicap here (1m 1f, good to firm) with CELESTIAL CHOIR 3l 5th, KAYVEE (4lb better off) 1l 8th, WEAVER BIRD (3lb better off) short-head 9th, WAKEEL (3lb better off) about 7½l 27th, BILLY BUSHWACKER (5lb better off) 1l 28th and OUR RITA (8lb better off) 5l 35th. COOL EDGE neck and ½l 3rd of 30 to Samah in handicap here (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start with DELTA SOLEIL (1lb worse off) head 4th. SAMBA SHARPLY beat Mister Fire Eyes neck in 20-runner handicap at Nottingham (1m, good to firm). NOBLE SPRINTER 1l and neck 3rd of 25 to Sevenleans Lucky in handicap at York (1m 1f, good).
Selection: MO-ADDAB

4.25 BURROUGH GREEN HANDICAP
(£5,322: 7f) (16 runners)

1 (8) 243101 QUILLING 4 (D,F) (A Watson) M Dods 3-10-0 (5ex) — K Darley 93
2 (14) 200131 NIGHT WINK 4 (D,F,G) D Nicholls 3-9-12 (5ex) — Martin Dwyer (7)
3 (5) 0-00011 DARE SPARROW 12 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs H Keswick) P Walwyn 5-9-10 — Paul Eddery 95
4 (4) 050050 THATCHERELLA 14 (F,G,S) (J Widdows) D Chappell 4-9-10 — J Reid 90
5 (10) 100030 MOUNTGATE 8 (D,G) (J Coupland) M Bielby 3-9-7 — J F Egan 92
6 (12) 0-00001 EUPHYLLIA 8 (D,F) (J Vaughan) B Jones 3-9-5 — F Norton 98
7 (2) 05304 ZELDA ZONK 16 (Mrs C Painting) B Meehan 3-9-3 — B Doyle 90
8 (1) 630000/ JAHANGIR 882 (F,G,S) (Mrs R Johnson) Pat Mitchell 6-9-2 — Dane O'Neill (5) –
9 (11) 000100 THUNDER RIVER 9 (V,D,F,G) (T Lodwick) M Heaton-Ellis 5-9-2 — T Ives 91
10 (3) 420430 WINSOME WOOSTER 46 (G,S) (Miss A Rawding) P Murphy 4-9-2 — S Drowne (3) 94
11 (7) 042115 CRETAN GIFT 5 (V,G) (R M Racecourses) N Littmoden 4-9-0 — M Fenton 97
12 (15) 30-0000 ROYAL CARLTON 40 (Mrs M Doyle) R Akehurst 3-8-13 — T Quinn –
13 (6) 630500 CANARY FALCON 9 (D,G) (Mrs N Agg) John Berry 4-8-12 — M Wigham 84
14 (13) 303040 LOUISVILLE BELLE 29 (D,F,G) (Mrs M Pearson) M Usher 6-8-6 — N Adams 93
15 (16) 300200 SPECTACLE JIM 12 (B,G) (J Harrow) J O'Donoghue 6-8-1 — N Carlisle 87
16 (9) 000334 RACING TELEGRAPH 9 (G) (C Wood) J Payne 5-7-8 — M Baird (5) 90

BETTING: 5-1 Night Wink, 6-1 Quilling, 8-1 Dare Sparrow, Euphyllia, 10-1 Cretan Gift, 12-1 Zelda Zonk, 14-1 others.

1994: DIFFERENT TIMES 4-8-1 D Harrison (33-1) Miss L Siddall 24 ran

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WETHERBY

THUNDERER

12.50 Potter's Bay | 2.25 Lodestone Lad
1.20 Toogood To Be True | 3.00 Great Marquess
1.50 Vain Prince | 3.35 Barton Bank
 | 4.10 Executive Design

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) — SIS

12.50 BOLTON PERCY NOVICES HURDLE (£3,729: 2m) (6 runners)

1 HAZARD A GUESS 27F (Mrs D Ridley) Mrs J Ramsden 5-11-0 — R Garritty –
2 3- POTTER'S BAY 190 (Mrs J Potter) D Nicholson 6-11-0 — A Maguire
3 P0- VINTAGE RED 347 (Special Reserve Racing) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-0 — T Jenks –
4 6350- HUNTERS' HEAVEN 25F (A Wotherston) J Mackie 4-10-13 — T Eley 93
5 00/ KILNAMARTYRA GIRL 19F (P Cronin) J Parkes 5-10-9 — P Niven –
6 5 DURHAM DRAPES 28 (Durham Drapes) M H Easterby 4-10-8 — L Wyer 80

BETTING: 6-4 Hazard A Guess, 7-4 Potter's Bay, 7-1 Vintage Red, Durham Drapes, 12-1 others.

1.20 ANGRAM HANDICAP CHASE (£6,772: 2m 4f 110yd) (5 runners)

1 P1144P- SIR PETER LELY 183 (D,F,G,S) (John Doyle Ltd) M Hammond 8-11-11 — Mr C Bonner (3) 95
2 1/312P-1 MR WOODCOCK 22 (D,F,G,S) (P Tylor) Mrs M Reveley 10-11-11 — P Niven 96
3 F/32252- GNOME'S TYCOON 175 (D,F,G,S) (Flobertsbroeh) J Johnson 9-11-4 — A Maguire
4 33U22-1 TOOGOOD TO BE TRUE 17 (CD,F,G,S) (J McGrath) M H Easterby 7-11-3 — L Wyer 93
5 1-32321 DE JORDAAN 10 (C,F,G) (The Tonley Partnership) W Cunningham 8-10-8 — N Smith 97

BETTING: 9-4 Mr Woodcock, 5-2 Sir Peter Lely, 7-2 Gnome's Tycoon, 4-1 Toogood To Be True, 6-1 De Jordaan.

1.50 PICKERING HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,652: 2m) (7 runners)

1 1110-3 SWEET MIGNONETTE 8 (D,BF,G) (R Whitehead) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-13 — P Niven 98
2 336-312 VAIN PRINCE 14 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) (A Findlay) N Tinkler 8-10-8 — M Dwyer 96
3 544-5P1 NOCATCHIM 19 (V,D,F,G,S) (R Gray) K Morgan 6-10-8 — A S Smith 97
4 4135-34 TAPATCH 10 (D,F,G) (Miss V Foster) J Wainwright 7-10-5 — L Wyer 97
5 34211-3 DOWN THE FELL 17 (G,S) (J Johnson) J Johnson 6-10-5 — A Maguire
6 P500-45 PLATO'S REPUBLIC 81 (D,F) (Mrs E Long) J Jenkins 4-10-0 — R Farrant 94
7 4422P-6 TRESIDDER 17 (D,F,G,S) (S Brewer) M W Easterby 13-10-0 — E Husband (5) 81

Long handicap: Plato's Republic 9-9, Tresidder 9-5.

BETTING: 2-1 Sweet Mignonette, 7-2 Vain Prince, 5-1 Nocatchim, 6-1 Tapatch, Down The Fell, 7-1 others.

2.25 ARTHUR STEPHENSON NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE — C4
(£6,743: 2m 4f 110yd) (6 runners)

1 6/66221- THE TOASTER 150 (G,S) (Mrs F Owens) J Quinn 8-11-10 — M Dwyer 88
2 FU2FP-4 MAGELLAN BAY 8 (Anoble Engineering) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-8 — R Farrant 95
3 PP54- ALY DALEY 227 (M Tobitt) J Johnson 7-11-5 — A Maguire 92
4 030-U31 LODESTONE LAD 8 (G) (Mrs D Weaver) R Dickin 5-10-13 — –
5 23P/534- RUSSIAN CASTLE 196 (John Wade) J Wade 6-10-10 — K Jones 90
6 1/0P-223 SEA BREAKER 14 (F) (D Carrdon) D Carlillon 7-10-0 — L Wyer –

BETTING: 3-1 Lodestone Lad, 7-2 The Toaster, Magellan Bay, 5-1 Aly Daley, Sea Breaker, 6-1 Russian Castle

FORM FOCUS

THE TOASTER beat Gonnamona 2l in a 4-runner novice chase at Cartmel (2m 5f 110yd, good) MAGELLAN BAY 23l 4th of 7 to Seod Rioga in a novice chase at Fakenham (2m 110yd, good). ALY DALEY distant 4th of 25 to Front Line in an amateur riders' novice chase at Cheltenham (4m, soft) SEA BREAKER neck and 1½l 3rd of 6 to Pleasure Trick in a lady riders' handicap hurdle at Stratford (2m 110yd, good to firm)
Selection: THE TOASTER

3.00 TOTE WEST YORKSHIRE HURDLE — C4
(Grade II: £9,240: 3m 1f) (5 runners)

1 221/25P- AVRO ANSON 238 (F,G) (B Slarton) M Camacho 7-11-7 — M Dwyer 98
2 21F121- CAB ON TARGET 210 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs E Murray) Mrs M Reveley 9-11-7 — P Niven
3 50411-1 GREAT MARQUESS 8 (F,G,S) (Great Marquess Partners) N Twiston-Davies 8-11-0 — T Jenks 71
4 1-1 SASSIVER 140 (F,G) (P Kelleway) P Kelleway 5-11-0 — J Ryan 50
5 12208P- TOP SPIN 163 (F,G,S) (Mrs E Long) J Jenkins 6-11-0 — A Maguire 89

BETTING: 5-4 Cab On Target, 2-1 Avro Anson, 5-1 Great Marquess, 6-1 Top Spin, 12-1 Sassiver

FORM FOCUS

AVRO ANSON best effort last season when 12l 2nd of 7 to Halkopous in the race (good) last year with CAB ON TARGET (7lb worse off) 2l and head 4th. CAB ON TARGET beat Bokaro 7l in 6-runner grade II Long Walk Hurdle at Ascot (3m, firm). GREAT MARQUESS beat Jathib 1l in 5-runner handicap hurdle at Newbury (3m 110yd, good). SASSIVER beat Royal Citizen 1¾l in 8-runner handicap hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 3f 110yd, good). TOP SPIN 36l 6th of 9 to Gnomman in handicap hurdle at Ascot (3m, good to firm) penultimate start.
Selection: CAB ON TARGET

3.35 CHARLIE HALL CHASE — C4
(Grade II: £20,581: 3m 110yd) (3 runners)

1 4425U2- YOUNG HUSTLER 182 (CD,F,G,S) (G MacEchern) N Twiston-Davies 8-11-10 — T Jenks 82
2 1/FU3F6- BARTON BANK 205 (CD,G,S) (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 9-11-2 — A Maguire
3 224643- OVER THE DEEL 203 (CD,F,G,S) (G Tobitt) J Johnson 9-11-2 — Mr C Bonner 51

BETTING: 4-5 Barton Bank, 7-4 Young Hustler, 6-1 Over The Deel

FORM FOCUS

YOUNG HUSTLER won this race last year, 2½l 2nd of 5 to Coulton in the grade II Brewer's Fayre Silver Trophy at Sandown (2m 4f 110yd, good to firm). BARTON BANK best completed effort last season when 18½l 3rd of 7 to Master Oats in a conditions chase at Cheltenham (3m 1f 110yd, heavy) with YOUNG HUSTLER (8lb worse off) 6l 4th. OVER THE DEEL 13l 3rd of 35 to Royal Athlete in Martell Grand National at Aintree (4m 4f, good) with YOUNG HUSTLER (8lb better off) unseated rider 3rd.
Selection: BARTON BANK

4.10 WENSLEYDALE JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE — C4
(Grade II: 3-Y-O: £7,908: 2m) (9 runners)

1 1 DAWN MISSION 17 (CD,F) (Mrs J Pallister) M H Easterby 11-2 — L Wyer 86
2 1 EXECUTIVE DESIGN 8 (D,G) (W Strawson) Mrs M Reveley 11-2 — P Niven
3 2 CHICODARI 21 (BF) (Bing C Harvey) D Nicholson 10-12 — A Maguire 91
4 4 COOL STEEL 37 (C Platts) Miss S Hall 10-12 — N Bentley 77
5 02 LANCER 10 (B Maguire) J Johnson 10-12 — Mr C Bonner 97
6 SHINING EDGE 28F (G Graham) M H Easterby 10-12 — R Garritty –
7 WISDOM 246F (T Pryke) K Morgan 10-12 — A S Smith –
8 5 LAST SPIN 14 (Mrs E Long) J Jenkins 10-7 — M Dwyer 84
9 RICANA 91F (W Kemp) W Kemp 10-7 — S McDougall –

BETTING: 5-2 Executive Design, 3-1 Chicodari, 7-2 Shining Edge, 5-1 Dawn Mission, 7-1 Lancer, 10-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

DAWN MISSION beat Sarmata Hara 1l in 14-runner juvenile hurdle over course and distance (good to firm) with LANCER (4lb better off) 10l 7th. EXECUTIVE DESIGN beat Woodrising 2½l in 14-runner juvenile hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, good). CHICODARI neck 2nd of 15 to Royale Angela in a juvenile hurdle at Bangor (2m 1f, good to soft). COOL STEEL 13l 4th of 15 to Elaton in a juvenile hurdle at Perth (2m 110yd, good to firm). LAST SPIN 12l 5th of 15 to Volunteer in a juvenile hurdle at Kempton (2m, good to firm)
Selection: EXECUTIVE DESIGN

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Saturday portrait: Bobbie Goulding, by Andrew Longmore

Talented tearaway cleared to shoulder English expectation

ILLUSTRATION BY STEVE MARTIN



Two years ago, the suggestion that England's chances in a rugby league World Cup final against Australia might depend on Bobbie Goulding would have heralded, at best, a phalanx of bewildered stares, at worst, a posse of men in white coats. Goulding was a talent, granted, but no one had the faintest idea what he might do next. Or who he might hit. The only predictable thing about Goulding then was that, sooner or later, trouble would hunt him down. The search rarely had to be exhaustive.

Not long before, in the Premiership play-off, with Goulding's Leeds in the midst of an humiliating defeat by Wigan, nobody in the stands had to ask Bill Beaumont what would happen next. Goulding lost his rag, thumped Shaun Edwards late and high and ended the game where, for many Southern fans' consciousness of rugby league began, in one of Eddie Waring's "early baths".

At the time, that was Goulding for you, an angel with a dirty face, rugby league's Just William, forever being caught in front of a broken window with a catapult in his hand, always protesting his innocence with a disarming range of "honest, it wasn't me, guv" smiles. He is still like that, to an extent, the cheeky chappie, the lovable rogue. It is a part he does not have to act and no one on the terraces on a damp and frozen Northern night would want it any other way.

Goulding has been through three of the top four clubs in the land — Wigan, Leeds and Widnes — and is now captain of the fourth, St Helens. His departures have veered between the farcical and the fractious, yet his smile, as broad as his shoulders, has proved an everlasting and exchangeable currency. He is worshipped wherever he goes by friend and foe, both of whom see in the burly scrum half not just a kindred spirit but, more importantly in the land of muck and brass, someone who will somehow find a way of giving them their money's worth. He is still just 23.

There is an inevitable comparison here, one Goulding himself does not encourage but inwardly cherishes. Were Goulding to appear at Wembley this afternoon with his cropped hair blackened from the dye bottle, nobody would think it out of character any more than they did for that other genius of a troublemaker, Paul Gascoigne. The restless energy, the misplaced pranks, the craving for the spotlight, the instinct for self-destruction and self-preservation, the determination, the enthusiasm, the ability to delight and frustrate — all are an indivisible part of the same little bundle. That is Goulding just as it is Gascoigne. The only difference, if all goes to plan this afternoon, is that Goulding will have a World Cup winner's medal to show to all those who thought his career would end in tears of unfulfilment, not joy.

So many signs pointed that way that Goulding's journey down the road to ruin seemed a matter of destiny. Though he reluctantly played rugby union at school, well enough to be the scrum half to Kyran Bracken's stand-off half for Lancashire Schools, rugby league was in his blood. His father, Bobbie, supplemented a sporadic income as a labourer by playing for Huyton in the second division, his grandfather was a season ticket-holder at Widnes who died the very season his beloved grandson came to play for the club. Goulding looked up at his seat every home game and still wears the lucky cross his grandfather gave him. Goulding began playing at five years old, was mascot at Huyton one week, on the terraces at Widnes the next. Rugby league came naturally to him, too naturally for his own good. His early career was like a Keystone Cops' car chase, all speed and no control.

> 'His smile is as much his team's trademark as his delicate chips over opposing wings'

Signed by Wigan for a record fee for an amateur, his first-team debut came one month after his sixteenth birthday, when he scored a try against Halifax. Two years later, he gained his first Great Britain cap, in New Zealand. "I did more in those two years," Goulding said, "than many established pros achieve in their careers." Maturity, though, lagged some way behind the talent, the accolades were won without the apprenticeship in a cold-blooded game that, on the whole, does not encourage such flights of fantasy. Kept from his rightful inheritance as scrum half by Andy Gregory and Shaun Edwards, frustrated by humdrum life in the reserves, Goulding did the unthinkable and opted to leave Wigan rather than accept a guaranteed first-team place in the less exalted role of hooker.

It seemed such a daft move at the time, such a triumph of obstinacy over sense that one director at Wigan said that Goulding would never play another international, a prediction as much a misunderstanding of the type as an underestimation of the man. Scrum halves are born, not made, in mind and body, and those who truly knew Goulding's ebullience or appreciated his spontaneous brilliance, his speed and vision, could never mistake him for a trundling hooker. "People say 'how can a little bloke like that order all those big blokes around', but I love that. They have to respect me, do what I say. I'm the one who directs everything."

After a stormy spell at Headingley, which ended in some mysterious damage to a car owned by the Leeds coach, Doug Laughton, and a finger pointing firmly at a familiar blond head, Goulding's detractors wore smug smiles. A move to Widnes brought temporary relief. In partnership with Jonathan Davies, Goulding took his home club to Wembley in 1993, only to leave his mark on the throat of Jason Robinson rather than the game itself in a tackle that cost him £1,000.

Financial restraints meant that both Davies and Goulding had to go soon after and when Goulding was transferred to St Helens 18 months ago for £185,000, the price sounded high for a player whose roll-call of clubs matched his record of controversy: an assault case in New Zealand, a premature departure from the Eastern Suburbs club in Sydney, another court appearance in Widnes.

None of the charges have stuck, except in the media, where a talented tearaway is manna from heaven. "There are two sides to every story," is the sum of Goulding's disingenuous defence these days and with a wife, Paula, and a young son, Bobbie Jr, to remind him of his responsibilities, he is understandably anxious to look forward. "I was a young kid playing a man's game and maybe I couldn't handle all the pressures at once," he said. The last international series against Australia epitomised his inconsistency, sparky hero of the 12-man victory in the first match, villain of the second when his intercepted long pass gave Australia the decisive break.

A near-spotless disciplinary record as captain of St Helens and a greater understanding of the odds behind the scrum have encouraged the belief that Goulding's reform extends further than the misspelling of his Christian name. Bobby the hothead has become Bobbie the England scrum half and his smile as much the trademark of the host team as his delicate chips over the heads of opposing wings. Both have a hint of mischief about them. So, always, will Goulding. It is what marks him out from the ordinary, makes him potentially the face of a bright, summery future for rugby league and the game's biggest liability. A coin has two sides and England's fate could rest on which face Goulding presents on his biggest stage yet. Like Gascoigne, Goulding is desperate to please. With luck, he will please a whole nation this afternoon.

Champion takes provisional pole position for Japanese Grand Prix

Flying Schumacher refuses to soft-pedal

FROM OLIVER HOLT
IN SUZUKA, JAPAN

A FEW weeks ago, Damon Hill broke his leg. Yesterday, he burnt his backside on the bottom of his car. A few days ago, Michael Schumacher mixed his drinks and got a bad hangover. Yesterday, he claimed his first provisional pole position for nine races in the first qualifying session for the Japanese Grand Prix here tomorrow. Smooth recoveries come easily to world champions, but the rest have to try a little harder.

Schumacher is relentless. He could have been excused for relaxing after securing his second successive Formula One motor racing world championship in the Pacific Grand Prix last weekend, but he shook off the thick head that followed his celebrations in Aida and routed his rivals in a hectic final few minutes yesterday that saw the quickest time wrenched first from Jean Alesi, in a Ferrari, and then from Hill.

Schumacher produced a last-minute flying lap to finish more than 0.6sec ahead of Hill, who was second fastest, and serve notice that Nigel Mansell's record of nine victories in a season is within his grasp. He has eight so far. "It is a trademark of Michael's that he always manages to pull out something extra, so you just have to go back to your reserves and find something extra yourself," Hill said.

It seems there is more to come from the world champion, too. He is keen to crown his stay with Benetton by helping them to win the constructors' championship and is in no mood to let up. "I'm very happy," he said. "I think there is potential for improvement in the car and I believe we can be quicker tomorrow.

"Now that the drivers' title is won, I will feel more free to push a bit harder and fight closer with my rivals without the fear of going out of the race early. I am looking forward to Sunday a lot. It should be easier for me to win races now." Victory for him here would secure the second title for his team.

The margin of Schumacher's advantage soured Hill's mood temporarily, but eventually he saw the funny side of his afternoon's travails. "On my first set of tyres I had a problem with the car running too low," he said, "so my backside got roasted. The car was running on the ground and it was getting hotter and hotter. At first it was quite comfortable, but then it started to hurt."

The beginnings of an end-of-term atmosphere are already beginning to seep through the paddock. Only two races remain, and yesterday was dominated as much by rumours about drivers' destinations next year as by action on the track.

The idea of Williams attempting to swap Hill for Gerhard Berger has already been floated and discounted. Yesterday, it was Heinz-Harald Frentzen, the Sauber-Ford driver, for Hill, and that was discounted, too.

Next, Pedro Diniz, the Brazilian who has been anchored near the back of the field all year in his Forti-Ford, was linked with Ligier. Tom Walkinshaw, the Ligier sporting director, had an answer ready. "I've been in Disneyland all week," he said, "so I'm out of touch with all this reality." Still, he did not deny it.

Finally, Eddie Jordan, the Jordan team owner, was told that his Irish driver, Eddie Irvine, who will join Ferrari next year as a team-mate for Schumacher, had said he could win the Japanese Grand Prix after qualifying seventh yesterday. "Did he say in which car and which year?" Jordan asked.

SUZUKA DETAILS

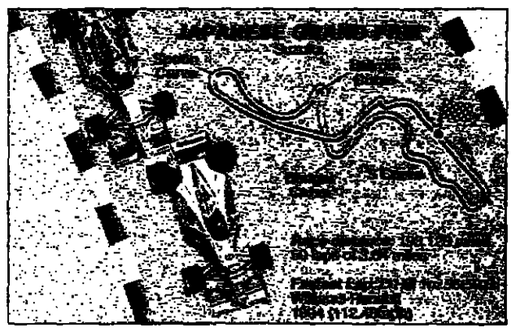
QUALIFYING TIMES: 1, M Schumacher (Ger), Benetton, 1min 39.428sec; 2, D Hill (GB), Williams, 1.39.032; 3, M Hakkinen (Fin), McLaren, 1.39.127; 4, J Alesi (Fr), Ferrari, 1.39.142; 5, D Coulthard (GB), Williams, 1.39.155; 6, H-H Frentzen (Ger), Sauber, 1.40.010; 7, E Irvine (GB), Jordan, 1.40.153; 8, G Berger (Austria), Ferrari, 1.40.305; 9, J Herbert (GB), Benetton, 1.40.349; 10, R Barrichello (Br), Jordan, 1.40.381; 11, O Panis (Fr), Ligier, 1.40.388; 12, M Salo (Fin), Tyrrell, 1.41.355; 13, U Katayama (Japan), Tyrrell, 1.41.977; 14, A Suzuki (Japan), Ligier, 1.42.561; 15, G Morbidelli (It), Footwork, 1.42.623; 16, P Lamy (Por), Minardi, 1.43.387; 17, K Wendlinger (Austria), Sauber, 1.43.634; 18, L Badoer (It), Minardi, 1.43.940; 19, T Inoue (Japan), Footwork, 1.44.386; 20, P Diniz (Br), Forti, 1.46.654; 21, A Montermini (It), Pacific, 1.46.869; 22, B Gachot (Fr), Pacific, 1.48.824; 23, R Moreno (Br), Forti, 1.50.097; 24, M Blundell (GB) McLaren, 16.42.840

CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS (after 15 races): Drivers: 1, Schumacher 82pts; 2, Hill 69; 3, Coulthard 46; 4, Alesi 42; 5, Herbert 41; 6, Berger 31; 7, Frentzen 18, equal 8, Barrichello, Hakkinen 11; 10, Blundell 10; 11, Panis 8; equal 12, M Brundle (GB), Irvine 7, 14, J-C Boullion (Fr) 3, 15, Salo 2; equal 16, Morbidelli, Suzuki 1

Constructors: 1, Benetton 123pts, 2, Williams 102; 3, Ferrari 73; 4, McLaren 21; equal 5, Jordan, Sauber 18; 7, Ligier 18; 8, Tyrrell 2; 9, Footwork 1.

□ *Benetton deducted ten points and Williams six points for fuel irregularities*

REMAINING GRANDS PRIX: Tomorrow: Japanese, Suzuka. Nov 12: Australian, Adelaide.



When a simple desire for victory turns into lust

SIMON BARNES
On Saturday

IT SEEMS at least a week since this column last pondered the connections between sex and sport, so it is high time we got on with it again. Results have just come in from a significant piece of scientific research carried out at the football World Cup final in the United States last year, in which Brazil beat Italy.

Supporters of both teams submitted to saliva tests before and after the game. The results show that, after the game, the testosterone level/sex drive of Brazilians had increased, by 27.5 per cent; that of the Italians had fallen, by 26.7 per cent.

These results were summed up by the researchers, Julie Fielden and Candice Lutter, psychologists at Georgia State University: "Testosterone and the feeling of power associated with it increase when the subjects enjoy reflective glory and diminish when they experience a vicarious defeat."

Banger and dash

Some see this as a piece of monumental vulgarity. I prefer to see it as a biting satire on contemporary mores: a dynamic and thrilling statement of the nature of our society. This is the promotional stunt of Sara Lee hot dogs, who have become "official packaged meat sponsors" of the Coca-Cola Sportsfest, aka the Olympic Games, which will be held in Atlanta next year.

They celebrated this giant step for humankind with the creation of a fake sausage 1,996 feet long, which was wrapped twice around the inside of the Georgia Dome football stadium, where Olympic events will be held. The sausage was laid on a bed of several thousand stale buns: a timely warning to the Third World about the crushing burden of over-consumption. Then, with trumpets blaring, a runner made a dignified circuit of the field, squirting mustard over the hot dog at every stride.

No joking

What film star would you choose as the figurehead of a promotion for one of the brashest, hardest and toughest sports in the world? Australian rugby league once scored a memorable success by recruiting the services of Tina Turner. The sport of Australian Ne Rules Football has gone one better. They have taken on George Burns, the American alleged humorist who will, if he is saved, turn 100 next year. By one of those Nostradamus coincidences, the sport of Aussie Rules will pass the same marker. A television commercial has been made featuring Burns and a group of girls dancing about in exiguous



costumes. All in all, it makes one nostalgic for the good taste and austerity of the giant hot dog.

Caught short

I have found an important letter lurking at the bottom of my in-tray, the way important letters do. It comes from Kynock and Great Barr Unity Cricket Club, in Birmingham. It reads:

"Dear Mr Barnes, we are a humble club side that puts out four teams on Saturday, two on Sunday, three youth teams and a midweek team. I know you like the vagaries of club cricket, especially when, at our level, the umpiring is mainly done by the batting side. Recently, A. Harper, one of our youths aged 16, came on to bowl for the Vagrants and took the last four wickets in successive balls. However, an umpiring decision that you can perhaps help with: in another match, the umpire signalled one run short. Nothing outstanding in that, except it was a single to start with. Can anyone explain how that can be?" The explanation is perhaps dependent on what the umpire had for lunch, but I await suggestions.

Jump start

I am also pleased to report that one of the oldest friends of this column, Tim Ashburner, the father of British ski jumping, has has been at it again. The British ski jumping team is at rest after the retirements of its leading lights, but Ashburner writes to tell me that this has not prevented James Ormond from performing the longest jump on skis managed in this country. It took place at a Gelandesprung championship, which is ski jumping on Alpine skis, in Scotland. It beats the record of 34.5 metres, set at the great Wembley Ski Jumping Show in 1961, by — great trivia question — Torgeir Brantzaeg.

Cheap trick

As the wages of Premiership footballers continue to spiral out of control, we should look to the United States for sanity. Take the recent negotiations between "Neon" Deion Sanders and the owner of the Dallas Cowboys, Jerry Johnson: Sanders was acquired as a free agent from the San Francisco 49ers; he is scheduled to make his first appearance for the Cowboys tomorrow. Because of the National Football League's salary cap restrictions, Sanders, a man known for the austerity of his lifestyle, has agreed to accept the minimum salary over the next three years — $178,000 (about £120,000). It is an example to us all in these times of greed. Mind you, Sanders is getting a signing-on fee — of $13 million.

Male starts favourite

JAMES MALE, of Britain, today begins the defence of his world rackets title against his compatriot, Neil Smith (Sally Jones writes). The first leg of the two-stage challenge is being played in Chicago.

It is third time lucky for the event, which has twice been postponed because of injuries to competitors, first when Smith, 31, was almost blinded in one eye after a training accident in August 1994, and then when Male injured a knee during a match last March.

Male is the slight favourite, having hit top form in training with the former world champion, Willie Boone, although he is aware of Smith's weight of shot and fluency, particularly on the Chicago court where he was professional until 1992.

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Calzaghe's mettle to be tested

BY SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

JOE CALZAGHE, who is being tipped to be an even more exciting super-middleweight than Nigel Benn, tonight takes his first step on the road which could lead to boxing fame and fortune. The unbeaten Welshman challenges for the vacant British title at the Albert Hall on a bill headed by Billy Schwer, the Luton lightweight, who defends his Commonwealth title against Ditau Molefyane, of South Africa.

Calzaghe's opponent is Stephen Wilson, of Edinburgh, also a new face on the championship scene and just as determined to make his name. They are well matched. Calzaghe has had 13 contests, Wilson 12, losing only one of them on a cut-eye decision.

As an amateur, Calzaghe won ABA titles at welterweight, light-middle and middle and as a professional, in the care of Terry Lawless and Mickey Duff, he has won all his 13 contests, 12 of them inside the distance, eight of those in the first round.

If Calzaghe can also dispose of Wilson inside the distance, or even outbox the Scot well, it will be an impressive start on the road to higher honours.

Calzaghe is a two-handed, non-stop fighter. Yet he might find Wilson difficult to overwhelm quickly. A year older than Calzaghe at 24, and slightly taller at 6ft, Wilson too was a good amateur. He won a silver medal in the world junior championships, the ABA middleweight title in 1990, and took part in the Barcelona Olympics.

Schwer, perhaps technically the best boxer in Britain, may have to go into the later rounds to retain his title. Although Molefyane is 34 and probably past his best, he is experienced and awkward. As a super-featherweight he met good opponents in Dingaan Thobela, Tony Lopez and Gabriel Ruelas, but he could struggle against the heavier blows of the Englishman.

□ *Lennox Lewis* yesterday won a temporary High Court order preventing the World Boxing Council (WBC) from sanctioning a heavyweight title bout between Frank Bruno and Mike Tyson. Mr Justice Evans-Lombe ordered that Lewis's injunction against the WBC should stand until the full hearing next Thursday.

Welshman offers distraction with tussle for Order of Merit bubbling to a head

Woosnam swift to take advantage of tame Valderrama

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN SOTOGRANDE, SPAIN

FOR all that the Volvo Masters has been built up to be a duel on the Costa del Sol between Sam Torrance, Colin Montgomerie and Bernhard Langer to decide who becomes the leading golfer on the PGA European Tour this year, one man is determined to do all he can to spoil their fun. "I don't even know who's leading and I don't care," Ian Woosnam said defiantly after a 71 in the second round at Valderrama yesterday left him three strokes behind Anders Forsbrand, the leader, and ahead of Torrance, Montgomerie and Langer. "All I know is that I've come here to try and win the tournament."

Woosnam is on song and this is a sight worth seeing. He becomes focused on the job in hand. His swing slows perceptibly and his walk speeds up. Sometimes Philip Morbey, his caddie, has to scuttle up the fairway to keep up with his boss. At such times, Woosnam's body language is that of a happy man and you do not need to see his score to know that he is playing well.

On the form he showed on the front nine holes yesterday, he is capable of barging his way past his rivals and claiming the first prize. He hit iron shots to within inches on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th holes and they and some of his other 32 strokes before the turn impressed even him. "I played magnificent on the front nine," Woosnam said. "I could have birdied every hole."

Yet mastering the teasing contours and the subtle and obvious challenges of Valderrama is a bit like getting an income tax rebate. You cannot quite believe it. As both Woosnam and Forsbrand said, there is no course in Europe more likely to lull you into a false sense of security — and then to strike back. "I went 68, 67 one year," Woosnam recalled. "It leapt up and grabbed me after that all right."

The par-71 course that had proved such a holy terror in the first round was considerably easier in the second. There were nearly four times as many under-par rounds as on Thursday — 14 compared with four. No one took a ten, or a nine for that matter, and the fearsome 17th yielded 16 birdies and only five bogeys.



Forsbrand: still ahead

Even so, no one brought the course to its knees in the way Langer had with a 62 last year though Alexander Cejka treated the front nine with something tantamount to disdain on his way to a 66. The idea of someone breaking 30 at Valderrama was hard to imagine until Cejka, who was born in Czechoslovakia and is now a naturalised German, birdied four of his first six holes and eagled the long 4th, on which he hit a three-wood 240 yards to within 20 feet and holed the putt.

It is Cejka's first time at Valderrama. Perhaps he does not believe how hard it can be or perhaps his philosophy of controlled aggression is the one for others to adopt. He has twice before taken 29 strokes for nine holes but on neither occasion was the course as tough as Valderrama. "It was a run. I dropped a few putts," Cejka said almost apologetically, as if aware that he was not expected to produce such scoring.

Since Langer reached the turn in 31, four under par, to begin his inevitable and inexorable progress to the front of the field, the course was clearly at its least difficult. Langer, 74-68, leads Montgomerie, 71-72, by one stroke and Torrance, 73-71, by two.

Torrance played well and is far from out of it even though he is six strokes behind Forsbrand. He did not miss many fairways or greens and the putt he holed from the front of the 9th green was a bonus. It was at least 25 yards. "I played beautifully today," Torrance said. "It was a very solid round. I may be two over par but at least I am right there."

Montgomerie is right there, too, except that he felt his 72 was several strokes too many for such a day. "I missed a good chance today," he said. "Seventy-two was not a great score. I need to start better. I have been four over par on the front nine both days and three under on the back nine. I am not surprised to hear that Langer had a 68. In fact, I'm surprised it was that high. Today this course was as easy as it has ever played and I could do nothing."

And so the tournament with the intriguing sub-plot reached the halfway stage without there being anything as savage as a cut. There are only four men under par after 36 holes as there were only four after 18.

Langer, Montgomerie and Torrance are all handily placed. All have a chance of winning and of taking their scrap over the Order of Merit to the finish tomorrow afternoon. But in the mood that he finds himself, Woosnam could yet be the man to beat.

SECOND ROUND (GB and Ire unless stated): 138: A Forsbrand (Swe) 68, 70. 140: A Cejka (Ger) 74, 66. 141: J Woosnam 70, 71; J Cocaress (Arg) 69, 72. 142: D Gilford 74, 68; B Langer (Ger) 74, 68; P Eales 71, 71. 143: J Rivero (Sp) 75, 68; P Hedblom (Swe) 73, 70; H Clark 73, 70; S Struver (Ger) 73, 70; A Lyle 72, 71; C Montgomerie 71, 72. 144: M Jonzon (Swe) 75, 69; C Rocca (It) 74, 70; J Pernevik (Swe) 74, 70; S Torrance 73, 71; J-L Guepy (Fr) 72, 72; M A Jiménez (Sp) 71, 73; B Lane 70, 74. 145: P O'Malley (Aus) 75, 70. 146: F Nobilo (NZ) 76, 70; P-U Johansson (Swe) 75, 71; R Chapman 72, 74. 147: P Baker 77, 70; A Coltart 75, 72; I Garrido (Sp) 74, 73; M James 74, 73; S Luna (Sp) 73, 74; J Spence 73, 76. 148: A Johnstone (Zim) 77, 71; P Mitchell 75, 73; M Lanner (Swe) 74, 74. 149: J Haeggman (Swe) 77, 72; A Dickson 76, 73. 150: W Riley (Aus) 78, 72; G Turner (NZ) 78, 72. 151: D Cooper 79, 72; M Campbell (NZ) 76, 75; R Allenby (Aus) 77, 74; M Gronberg (Swe) 75, 76. 152: J Townsend (US) 80, 72; P Teravainen (US) 78, 74; O Karlsson (Swe) 76, 76; R Karlsson (Swe) 75, 77. 153: R Claydon 78, 75; D Clarke 77, 76; P Broadhurst 77, 76; J Sandelin (Swe) 76, 77; P Walton 76, 77. 155: M Harwood (Aus) 82 73; P Way 82, 73. 157: S Cage 77, 80.



HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Montgomerie plays a solid approach shot to the 1st green as he continues his challenge at Valderrama yesterday

Conditions blow Faldo off course

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

NICK FALDO was among the golfers who struggled to come to terms with windy conditions in the first round of the Tour Championship in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Briton scored a 76, six over par, and went into the second round late last night eight shots behind Billy Mayfair, whose 68 was the highest opening score to lead a US PGA Tour event this year.

Mayfair held a one-stroke lead over Payne Stewart and Brad Bryant, his American compatriots, and Vijay Singh, of Fiji, the only other players among the Tour's 30 leading money-winners to break par.

With strong winds blowing all day, the players had a hard time recognising Southern Hills as the course that yielded an 11-under-par winning score for Nick Price at the US PGA Championship in August last year. There were just 64 birdies, with 121 bogeys, 12 double bogeys and two triple bogeys. The scoring average was nearly three strokes over par at 72.71.

Price recorded a 77, ten strokes more than his opening round 15 months ago. Only Phil Mickelson, with a 79, had a worse score.

Mayfair, who was three under par until he bogeyed the final hole, said the key to his round was preparing himself mentally to play in the wind. "All 30 of us knew this would happen," he said. "This course just wears you down. You're always thinking out here. I just kept rolling along, and fortunately I didn't have many long putts to save par."

The end-of-season tournament is something of a reward for the Tour's leading players. It has no cut and a first prize of $540,000 (about £340,000). Even the player finishing last receives $48,000 (about £30,000).

"This event should be a lot of fun, but with the wind, it was not a lot of fun today," Mayfair said.

Ben Crenshaw, who had an operation to remove stones from his left kidney on Monday and has suffered weight loss, recorded a reasonably respectable score of 74, despite feeling weak and ill during his round.

Teddington hampered by injuries

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

TEDDINGTON may be hindered by injuries as they seek to do some instant repair work when they take on Indian Gymkhana tomorrow in the fourth week of competition in the hockey National League. The title-holders lost 4-2 to Guildford last week, and have worries over the fitness of McGuire, who has a back problem, and Gibbins, who is facing a fitness test in a second XI fixture today.

Gymkhana, encouraged by a 3-1 win over Hounslow, have plenty of skill and experience in their ranks with Baljit Singh, who has represented the Punjab Police at provincial level in India, bringing new life to their attack.

Havant will be almost at full strength for their home match against East Grinstead, Bartlett having a late fitness test after being injured during training.

East Grinstead, with their leading marksmen, Richard Gibson and Stuart Head, in top form, have included Kees Jager, a young and impressive goalkeeper from Guernsey, in their squad.

Julian Halls will be unavailable to Old Loughtonians for at least a couple of weeks and is replaced in defence by Loftus for their visit to Surbiton.

Hounslow, in unusual territory in fifteenth position in the first division, will attempt to pick up the pieces in their away match against Stourport. Hazlitt returns to their defence after an absence of two weeks and Barrow, the goalkeeper, has recovered from injury after missing the game against Indian Gymkhana.

Richard Markham, who was injured in a collision in the match against Teddington, is reported to be fit for Guildford's visit to Bournville. Reading's position at the top of the table seems unlikely to be threatened today, when they entertain Trojans.

McManus rues mistakes

BY PHIL YATES

JOHN HIGGINS, attempting to emulate Stephen Hendry and Steve Davis as the only players successfully to defend the Skoda Grand Prix snooker title, established a 5-3 lead over Alan McManus in their 17-frame semi-final at the Crowtree Centre, Sunderland, yesterday.

Higgins, who also won the International Open and British Open last season, was not at his best, but with McManus prone to an unusually high number of unforced errors, he did not need to be in order to build an advantage in the first session.

Having lost to Higgins in the Regal Masters and Thailand Classic since the 1995-96 campaign began five weeks ago, McManus was especially keen to make a positive start, but even though he led 2-1 it was largely down to the failings of his opponent. Higgins then potted breaks of 45, 71, 45 and 88 to forge 5-2 ahead.

It was a frustrating spell for McManus, who could not complain about a lack of opportunities. The sixth frame was typical as McManus, ideally placed to fashion a clearance on the colours and draw level at 3-3, missed a crucial green to the middle pocket.

McManus won the closing frame of the afternoon with a run of 60 but was still left needing six of the remaining nine frames to reach the final tomorrow. Higgins requires only four.



Higgins: in control

It was a day of practice for Hendry and Steve James, the tournament's surprise package, who meet in the second semi-final today. Hendry is an overwhelming favourite to progress but James, through to the last four of a ranking event for the first time since the 1991 Dubai Classic, could prove a dangerous rival.

For two seasons James has steadily fallen down the rankings, to such an extent that he stands fiftieth on the latest provisional list. However, with a cheque for £16,000 now guaranteed, the financial worries that James claims have caused his loss of form, will surely abate.

James, who beat Davis 5-3 in the quarter-finals, has prevailed in only two of his previous 11 meetings with Hendry, but he does hold the distinction of being the last player to beat the Scot at The Crucible — 13-11 in the 1991 World Championship.

Sampras closes in on Agassi

PETE SAMPRAS, the Wimbledon champion, marched towards the pinnacle of men's tennis with a straight-sets victory over Jim Courier, the former Australian and French Open champion, in the quarter-finals of the Essen Open yesterday.

Sampras, from the United States, saved three set points in a hard-fought second set against his compatriot, seeded No 7, and seems certain to dislodge Andre Agassi from his position as world No 1 in the next ten days.

He could regain the leading place, which he lost to Agassi in April, if he wins the tournament in Germany on Sunday and takes advantage of Agassi's injury-enforced absence from the Paris Open next week.

Boris Becker may also miss the Paris event after dropping out of a doubles match in Essen because of a recurring problem with his back.

Wright cautious over hill climb chances

BY PETER BRYAN

THE influence of the Tour de France in southern England lingers on. The cycling national hill climb championship tomorrow will be held on Ditchling Beacon, near Brighton, where thousands thronged the slopes in 1994 to watch Miguel Indurain, Chris Boardman and company in action.

There was a record entry of 203 for the 120 places available for the event tomorrow in which riders will start at one-minute intervals on the twisting 1,500 metres course, which rises from 88 to 228 metres. The championship incorporates the hundredth annual climb promoted by Catford CC, moved from Yorks Hill, Kent, for the first time in 50 years.

Jeff Wright, the defending champion, from Newcastle upon Tyne, had his first encounter with the Ditchling slopes yesterday, but was reticent about his prospects after being ill for a fortnight had left him on a course of antibiotics to relieve a throat infection. "I started my season in March and raced through to early October without even a sniffle to worry me, and now this happens," he said.

Wright expects his main challenge to come from a former champion, Stuart Dangerfield, who has beaten him twice in the past fortnight. Dangerfield, who was the champion in 1992 and 1993, believed that the gradual incline will make multi-gearing unnecessary.

He plans to use a single fixed gear and expects that a time close to 3min 50sec will be good enough to win what is the last British championship of the year.

☐ The French amateur, Damian Nazon, outsprinted the Uzbekistan professional, Djamolidine Abdoujaparov, to win the 54km first stage of the Tour of China in southern Shenzhen yesterday.

IN BRIEF

Hagi's cost forces City into cheap option

MANCHESTER City yesterday signed the Barcelona football player, Thomas Christiansen, 22, on loan after turning down a similar offer which would have taken the Romania World Cup midfield player, Gheorghe Hagi, to Maine Road. City, the club bottom of the FA Carling Premiership, were unable to afford Hagi's wages. Alan Ball, the City manager, has an option to buy the Spanish under-21 international for £500,000.

The transfer of Hagi's international team-mate, Dan Petrescu, from Sheffield Wednesday to Chelsea, is in danger of collapsing. The £2.6 million sale, announced two weeks ago, has not been completed because Chelsea have received two medical opinions on the player that conflict. The London club is negotiating a lower price.

☐ The Leicester City chairman, Martin George, claimed yesterday that the Football League had won an extra £21 million in television revenue. The League's management committee failed to reach agreement on a five-year deal worth £120 million from the Football Association, which increased the offer by adding £21 million worth of marketing rights. The League clubs have a fortnight to consider the offer.

Ring protection

Boxing: The Professional Boxers Association (PBA) yesterday announced a four-point plan designed to protect the welfare of boxers. Under the new proposals, boxers will be offered free membership of the organisation, medical advice on training and education in preparation for employment outside the sport.

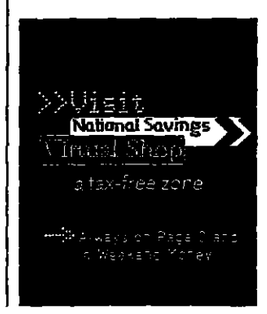
The PBA also hopes to secure backing from the National Lottery to finance sophisticated Magnetic Resonance Imaging brain scans. The recommendations follow the British Boxing Board of Control announcement on Wednesday of a 12-point plan to improve the sport's medical regulations, once more placed under the microscope after the death of James Murray.

Favourites fall

Real tennis: The Australian partnership of Frank Filippelli, the Melbourne professional, and Paul Tabley, lifted the first leading doubles championship of their career when they defeated the favourites, Chris Bray and Mike Gooding, of Britain, 6-5, 6-5 in the final of the French Open doubles championship at Fontainebleau.

Ward pulls out

Tennis: Jo Ward, who last year became the first unseeded player to win the national women's title, will be unable to defend the championship. On medical advice, after undergoing a fourth operation on her right knee, she yesterday withdrew from the event which opens in Telford on Tuesday. Her place in the draw will be taken by Monique Javer.



FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Derby Storm 103 (Humphrey 24, Leahy 23, Simms 18) Hemel Royals 62 (Schultz 24, Howard 14, Noel 10).

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
London	9	5	1	497	436	10
Manchester	8	5	1	512	471	10
Sheffield	8	5	1	512	395	10
Derby	8	4	4	708	672	8
Birmingham	5	3	2	461	446	6
Leopards	4	3	1	384	356	6
Thames Valley	6	3	3	512	524	6
Worthing	5	3	2	483	437	6
Doncaster	6	2	4	478	552	4
Hemel	7	2	5	547	628	4
Chester	6	1	5	486	529	2
Leicester	7	1	6	477	590	2
Newcastle	4	1	3	390	422	2

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS' CUP: Semi-final series: Group A: Ulker Spor (Tur) 74 Iraklis Salonica (Gr) 72 (in Istanbul), Bayer Leverkusen (Ger) 85 CSKA Moscow (Russ) 83; Olympiakos (Gr) 89 Benetton Treviso (It) 72. Olympique Antibes (Fr) 82 Unicaja Malaga (Sp) 81. Group B: Panathinaikos (Gr) 84 Real Madrid (Sp) 82; Buckler Bologna (It) 90 Barcelona (Sp) 73; Maccabi Tel Aviv (Is) 91 Pau Orthez (Fr) 88 (overtime).

CRICKET

SECOND TEST: Madras: India 54-1 v New Zealand. No play yesterday.

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: In Brisbane (third day): South Australia 276 and 226-8 (J Brayshaw 64, G Blewett 125 not out); Queensland 358-9 dec (J Maher 106). In Sydney (second day): New South Wales 457-5 dec (S Waugh 107, M Bevan 103 not out, S Lee 101 not out); Tasmania 188-4 (J Cox 62).

CASTLE CUP: In Pretoria: Northern Transvaal 274-8 (M Rindel 67, D van Zyl 52 not out) v Eastern Province. In Bloemfontein: Free State: 269-7 (L Wilkinson 130 not out, H Bakkes 52 not out) v Boland. In Cape Town: Transvaal 367-9 (K Rutherford 134, D Laing 72, N McKenzie 67) v Western Province. In East London: Natal 272-8 (R Steyn 79, M Bruyns 62, N Johnson 55) v Border.

CYCLING

SHENZHEN: Tour of China, first stage (33.5 miles) around Shenzhen: 1, D Nazon (fr) 1hr 18min 22.1sec; 2, D Abdoujaparov (Uzb); 3, R Ventura (US); 4, A Pzaks (Lat); 5, M McCarthy (US); 6, F Colonna (It); 7, O Aranguren (Sp); 8, S Portner (US); 9, J Planckaert (Bel); 10, J Pierce (US) all same time. Overall: 1, Steve Hegg (US) 1hr 23min 24sec; 2, D Nardello (It) 3.7sec; 3, N Alvis (US) 7.1 sec; 4, G Randolph (US) 7.4; 5, T Hamilton (US) 9.0; 6, A Mizurov (Kaz) 9.1; 7, V Ekimov (Russ) 9.6; 8, A Chiurato (It) 9.7; 9, P Gaumont (Fr) 9.8; 10, A Bishop (US) 9.8

FOOTBALL

AFRICAN CUP WINNERS' CUP, semi-final, second leg: J S Kabylie (Algeria) 1 Blackpool (Zim) 0 (agg 2-2, Kabylie win on away goal rule)

Thursday's late results

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Dundalk 3 St Patrick's Athletic 2; Cork City 1 Drogheda United 2. AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Charlton Athletic 3 Norwich City 0. PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Oldham Athletic 3 Leeds United 1; Stoke City 2 Sheffield Wednesday 1; Tranmere Rovers 0 Derby County 2. Second division: Coventry City 3 York City 1; Rotherham United 1 Middlesbrough 1.

FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Boldmere St Michael 4 Rushden and Diamonds 1; Cambridge City 1 Luton 9.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Metz 0 Paris Saint-Germain 3.

SCHOOLS: ESFA Premier League, under 18 trophy: Cornwall 0 Gloucestershire 3. International under 15 trial: Midlands 0 North West England 4

GOLF

TULSA, Oklahoma: Tour championship, First round (US unless stated): 68: W Mayfair, B Bryant, P Stewart, V Singh (Fij). 70: J Leonard, R Tway. 71: W Austin, S Simpson, T Lehman, E Els (SA), M O'Meara, S Ellanglon (Aust). 72: M Calcavecchia, C Pavin, G Norman (Aus). 73: L Roberts, P Jacobsen. 74: B Crenshaw, F Funk, D Duval, J Gallagher, D Love. 75: S Hoch, J Haas, L Janzen. 76: N Faldo (GB), K Perry. 77: K Triplett, N Price (Zim). 78: P Mickelson.

TOGO, Japan: Philip Morris championship: Second round (Japanese unless stated): 138: M Ozaki 67, 69. 138: N Yuhara 69, 69. 139: J Furyk (US) 70, 69, I Shirahama 69, 70; N Ozaki 69, 70. 140: D Ishii (US) 69, 71; H Tanaka 67, 73. 141: B Watts (US) 71, 70; S Ginn (Aus) 69, 72. Other foreign scores: 143: A Magee (US) 69, 74. 144: Chen Tze-chung (Taiwan) 72, 72. 146: F Minoza (Philippines) 73, 73. 147: Lin Chie-hsiang (Taiwan) 75, 72.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Washington 4 Boston 2; Pittsburgh 7 NY Islanders 5; Ottawa 5 Los Angeles 4. NY Rangers 4 Tampa Bay 4; Toronto 2 Chicago 1; Dallas 5 Anaheim 2

REAL TENNIS

FONTAINEBLEAU: French Open doubles championship. Final: F Filippelli and P Tabley (Aus) bt C Bray and M Gooding (GB) 6-5, 6-5.

SNOOKER

SUNDERLAND: Skoda Grand Prix: Quarter-finals: S Hendry (Scot) bt F O'Brien (Ire) 5-3; S James (Eng) bt S Davis (Eng) 5-3. Semi-final: J Higgins (Scot) leads A McManus (Scot) 5-3.

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Ipswich 50 Poole 45

TENNIS

ESSEN, Germany: Men's tournament: Third round: J Courier (US) bt M Rosset (Switz) 7-5, 3-6, 6-3; R Krajicek (Holl) bt B Becker (Ger) 6-4, 6-7, 6-3. T Muster (Austria) bt A Medvedev (Ukr) 6-4, 6-3. Quarter-finals: M Washington (US) bt T Enqvist (Swe) 7-5 6-4; P Sampras (US) bt Courier 6-2, 7-6; A Boetsch (Fr) bt Krajicek 6-4, 6-2

SEOUL: ATP men's Challenger tournament (selected result): Quarter-final: T Henman (GB) bt H-S Chung (S Korea) 6-3, 6-2.

SANTIAGO, Chile: Men's tournament, second round: H Gumy (Arg) bt G Schaller (Austria) 6-4, 7-5 (7-0); A Correja (Sp) bt T Carbonell (Sp) 7-5, 7-3.

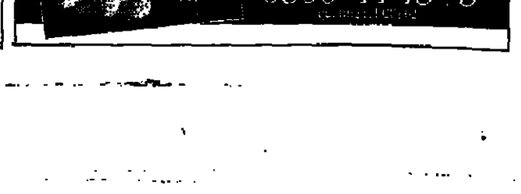


Henman: through to semi-final in Seoul

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SPORT

Touring team meet with Mandela's approval

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN SOWETO

WHATEVER else they achieve in their lives, England's cricketers will remember October 27, 1995, as the day they met Nelson Mandela in Soweto. If ever they thought, as sportsmen often do, that the world revolves around them, they learnt yesterday just how insignificant they are. Yet, in another way, they discovered how important their contribution can be as unofficial ambassadors in a country that is changing before their eyes.

There is too much talk of history, but however you gild the lily this was an historic occasion. England's cricketers, taken by surprise when Mandela brought forward a visit he was scheduled to make tomorrow, felt humbled when they were presented to him on the field an hour into the game against an Invitation XI, none more so than Devon Malcolm, who exchanged personal greetings with the President of South Africa after Mandela had done a circuit of the ground.

"Meeting him was one of those things you can't put into words," Malcolm said. "To be thanked by him for my own efforts was amazing." The other players shared his wonder, echoing the thoughts of Mandela's consort, Dr Ali Bacher, the managing director of the United Cricket Board: "He makes everybody think they have done the hard work, not him."

For Bacher, too, this was a great day. It is in places like Soweto that the game will grow, as it is picked up and passed on from one black generation to the next. There are three black players in the team led by Hansie Cronje, the South Africa captain, and one, Geoffrey Toyana, is from Soweto. It will take time to get a black player into the national side but Bacher is not fretting. The vines are down and the grapes will follow, whether next year or in ten years.

Mandela was scheduled to visit the Soweto Oval — the only cricket ground in this township of some three million people — tomorrow, when he is addressing a rally at Orlando Stadium, two miles away. He changed tack when his schedule would not permit him to fulfil both appearances, feeling that he "could not let cricket down".

England and South Africa have made uneasy cricketing bedfellows since 1968, when Dr John Vorster refused to admit an MCC team including the "Cape Coloured" Worcestershire all-rounder, Basil D'Oliveira. Yesterday the old and new ways were aligned as Mandela welcomed England to the township where he used to live and whose name resounds round the world as a symbol of apartheid.

"Every match offers a great deal of satisfaction to each player," Mandela said, "and can unite players from all countries. It speaks a language far beyond that of politicians. Cricket gives our young people the chance to measure themselves against the best sides in the world and today we can see the fruition of our labours."

When Vorster declared the MCC party to have been "selected by the anti-apartheid movement," Michael Atherton, the present England captain, was a six-month-old toddler in Manchester. Mandela was a prisoner on Robben Island, five years into a period of incarceration that was to last until 1990, two years before South Africa were readmitted to the fraternity of Test-playing nations.

As the two men shook hands yesterday morning, South Africa's very own Potemkin village came tumbling down. Mandela had given his blessing to the first first-class fixture in a black township and even though many of the thousand or so children preferred to romp in the bleachers, the game's delights may in time filter down to them.

The Invitation XI had the better of the day after Atherton, who won the toss, had put on 163 with Alec Stewart for the first wicket. Atherton drove Strydom to mid-on and Stewart lifted the bowler to long-off when he was four runs short of a hundred.

Robin Smith was stumped by Mazikazana, the black wicketkeeper from Eastern Province, who missed the game against England A two years ago because he was being circumcised in a tribal ritual. Graeme Hick followed, caught at mid-wicket as he attempted to pull Strydom. At 250 for four England were in a comfortable position but Meyrick Pringle then performed the hat-trick, having Jack Russell and Mike Watkinson leg-before and beating Mark Ilott with a ball of full length.

John Crawley, playing because Mark Ramprakash had a stomach upset, made good use of his chance. Batting carefully, he ended the day on 56, scoring equally on both sides of the wicket. But this day belonged to a man who has crossed more formidable boundaries than those the cricketer knows.

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SOWETO SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND: First Innings

*M A Atherton c Rhodes b Strydom	59
A J Stewart c Cronje b Strydom	94
J P Crawley not out	56
R A Smith st Mazikazana b Davis	4
G A Hick c Williams b Strydom	15
†R C Russell lbw b Pringle	11
M Watkinson lbw b Pringle	0
M C Ilott b Pringle	0
R K Illingworth not out	11
Extras (b 9, lb 12, nb 14)	35
Total (7 wkts, 106 overs)	285

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-163, 2-170, 3-179, 4-210, 5-250, 6-250, 7-250.
A R C Fraser and D E Malcolm to bat.
BOWLING: Pringle 19-3-69-3; Snell 13-6-30-0; Williams 23-6-65-0; Cronje 8-3-17-0; Davis 18-7-55-1; Strydom 25-9-38-3.
SOUTH AFRICA INVITATION XI: *W J Cronje, P G Amm, J M Arthur, J N Rhodes, P C Strydom, G Toyana, R P Snell, H Mazikazana, M J G Davis, M W Pringle, H S Williams.
Umpires: M Begus and W Diedricks.

England take final gamble on Connolly

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THE RUNES have been cast and are promising. If not now for England, maybe never. Australia's 20-year grip on the rugby league World Cup has rarely looked as shaky as in the build-up to the final today at Wembley, the Kangaroos' least-favoured venue.

With the stakes so high, England decided last night on their biggest gamble. Gary Connolly, stricken by pneumonia a week before the tournament started and given long odds against any participation, was dramatically and covertly slipped into the starting line-up at centre.

In leading his side towards the summit of the world game, Phil Larder has not put a tactical foot wrong, so far. The meticulous England coach has weighed the gamble of playing Connolly, who has gone five weeks without a game, against the greater risk of omitting an individual with the capacity at his fingertips to turn an encounter as close as today's appears.

Barrie-Jon Mather, who reverts to the substitutes' bench, was the smokescreen put up in England's selection announcement on Thursday to try to disorientate Australia, although the doubts in Larder's own mind were not fully cleared until after training yesterday. "He is well and looks very fit. His defensive and attacking play can do a great job for us from the start, but we realise we will probably only get 50 minutes out of him," Larder said.

Nick Pinkney, another centre, is also on the bench as extra insurance should Connolly meet with mishap. Wembley is notorious for draining the strength of the fittest athlete. Nonetheless, Larder, throughout, has kept faith with Connolly's growing strength and determination.

"A few weeks ago I didn't expect to be anywhere near the tournament, but it's great to be starting such an important match. I feel fit and believe I can do well," said Connolly, one of five players with Denis Betts, the captain, Martin Offiah, Andy Platt and Phil Clarke, who were within reach of beating Australia in the 1992 final.

For want of one dropped ball and a missed tackle, that match was lost: the one fond memory of Wembley Australia cling to, after losing the opening match three weeks ago to England, and to Great Britain there in 1973, 1990 and 1994. As the Sports Council heard the case yesterday for Wembley as the new national stadium, Australia and England were split between bulldozing and preserving the grand old crumbling pile.

"We like it and feel that as an international team, it's our home ground," Larder said. Bob Fulton, his Australian counterpart, has good cause to forgo praise of Wembley, but in defence of four defeats there, said: "The fact was that we went onto win the series in '73, '90 and last year, and in the one-off game when it mattered, we won there."

It is one of the reasons the world champions are marginal favourites, together with their accomplished progress after losing to England, and mental fine-tuning in surviving their scare by New Zealand in their semi-final. Fulton has no other option than to win, as this was the side considered best for the job. Lose and the opprobrium that would emanate from the Super League, whose players were ignored, would harm the Australian Rugby League (ARL) in the battle for control of the game in Australia.

Short of a compromise, Great Britain will meet a Super League-only Australia side on tour next October. Beating the ARL version would not diminish England's achievement in winning the eleventh World Cup. Australia's dominance of the competition has been interrupted twice, in 1960 and 1972 by Britain, winners of the inaugural 1954 tournament.

Whereas the opening game was claustrophobic and decided by uncharacteristic Australian errors, attack seems to hold the best form of defence this time. England's pack is too uncompromising for the Kangaroos to be lured into a physical confrontation, and England's back line too pacy to ignore.

Here, the trickery of Bobbie Goulding, in harness with Tony Smith, running off the forwards at half back, could spark the speedsters, of whom Paul Newlove is at his most predatory.

England hold advantages in key positions. Andy Farrell's creative impact is more pronounced at loose forward than that of Jim Dymock. Lee Jackson is in the form of his life at the cutting edge of the England attack from dummy half, a part filled effectively enough for Australia by Geoff Toovey, but who Larder feels is possibly compromised in his role-swapping in mid-match with Andrew Johns, the hooker.

Brad Fittler, Toovey and Johns are playmakers who England allow room at their peril. Out wide, there is pace aplenty, not least from Steve Menzies, the forward with a roving commission and the tournament's leading try-scorer. But, unlike Australia sides of recent vintage, there is not about them the same feeling of invincibility.

Fulton, too, has conceded that England will never have a better chance. "It could come down to a bounce of a ball, a referee's decision here or there," he said. The fates narrowly favour England.



Betts, the England captain, welcomes Connolly, right, back to the fold as the players sample Wembley in the build-up to the World Cup final. Photograph: Marc Aspland



'Goulding is worshipped not just as a kindred spirit, but as someone who will somehow find a way of giving you your money's worth'
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TODAY'S TEAMS AT WEMBLEY

ENGLAND		AUSTRALIA
K Radlinski (Wigan)	1	T Brasher (Sydney Tigers)
J Robinson (Wigan)	2	R Wishart (Illawarra)
G Connolly (Wigan)	3	M Coyne (St George)
P Newlove (Bradford)	4	T Hill (Manly)
M Offiah (Wigan)	5	B Dallas (Sydney Bulldogs)
A Smith (Castleford)	6	B Fittler (Penrith, capt)
R Goulding (St Helens)	7	G Toovey (Manly)
K Harrison (Halifax)	8	D Pay (Sydney Bulldogs)
L Jackson (Newcastle Knights)	9	A Johns (Newcastle Knights)
A Platt (Auckland)	10	M Carroll ((Manly)
D Betts (Auckland, capt)	11	S Menzies (Manly)
P Clarke (Sydney City)	12	G Larson (North Sydney)
A Farrell (Wigan)	13	J Dymock (Sydney Bulldogs)

Referee: S Cummings (England).
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Substitutes: B-J Mather (Wigan), C Joynt (St Helens), N Pinkney (Keighley Cougars), M Cassidy (Wigan)

Substitutes: R O'Davis (Newcastle Knights), M Johns (Newcastle Knights), J Smith (Sydney Bulldogs), N Kosef (Manly).

Captain Marvel ready for storybook comeback



Robson: fit and willing

Never mind Juninho, what about Bryan Robson?

Rob Hughes on a surprise for Old Trafford today

The master who underestimates his pupil is riding for a fall. When Bryan Robson returns to Old Trafford this afternoon, bringing with him his tenacious Middlesbrough team, fourth in the FA Carling Premiership, to play Manchester United, who lie second, he might just be preparing a surprise for his old mentor, Alex Ferguson. He may not be able to select Juninho yet, but he might select himself.

It would be the first time that Robson has performed at the ground since his 359th and final league match for United, in May 1994. Since then, putting into effect the management skills he learnt whilst observing Ferguson, he has guided Middlesbrough to promotion and now to the highest point in their history. Yesterday, as the bluff and counter-bluff between the managers began, Ferguson commented: "It will be nice to see Bryan. He'll get a tremendous reception, which is only right. The good thing is that, while I predicted Mark Hughes would score against us at Chelsea last week, I can safely predict that Bryan won't score."

Oh no? Speaking hours after Ferguson, Robson said that with Nick Barmby and Craig Hignett, as well as John Hendrie, requiring late fitness tests, he was contemplating at least a place on the bench for himself. Robson is 38, he has not started a match this season, he had not needed to make a single outfield change in the ten matches, only one of which Middlesbrough have lost, which have propelled his side so high.

However, one of his three centre backs, Derek Whyte, is out with a groin strain, and Phil Whelan will deputise. The task of the three centre backs will be to quieten Andy Cole, Paul Scholes and Eric Cantona, just as efficiently as Middlesbrough have done in conceding just four goals all season. They have achieved six clean sheets, most of them in front of Gary Walsh, a former United keeper, and they have won their past five games.

But, if Robson, having captained United so often and having studied the youth team players such as Nicky Butt and Scholes, reckons to have an valuable insight into his old team, then surely Ferguson knows the man who played for him for eight of the 13 years Robson ran for United.

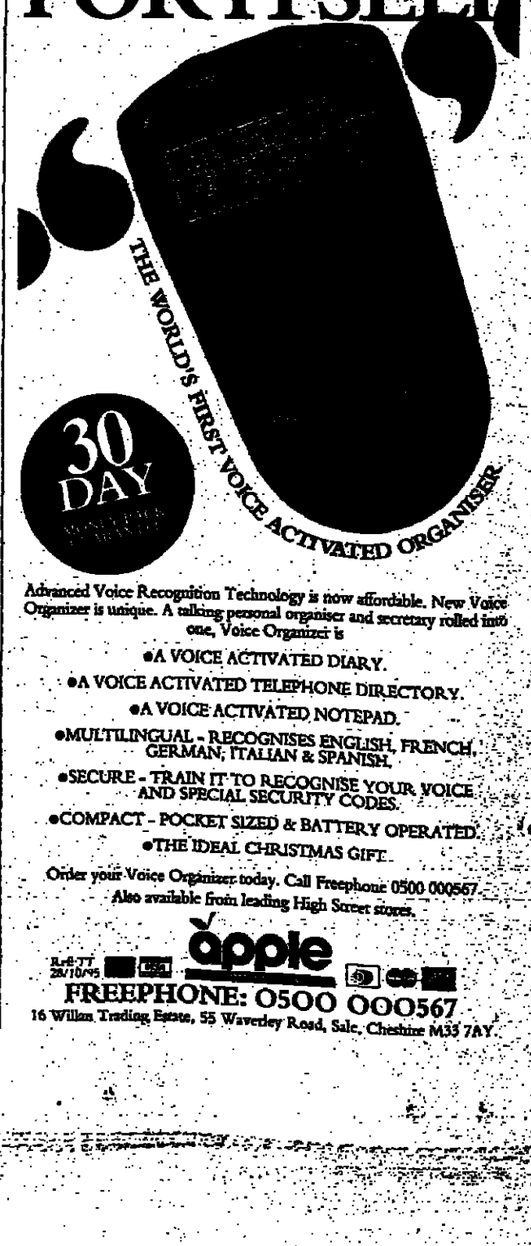
Indeed, Ferguson knows all about Robson; every bone he has broken in the service of Manchester United, every surging commitment that the player gave in pursuit of trophies. He therefore will acknowledge that to have ruled Robson out today was an error, just as he knows that Robson means what he says.

"I know people might think it's a bit of an ego trip," admitted Robson when he said he might nominate himself for a place on the bench. "But I have to think if I can be of benefit to the team. I've played the last two reserve games, and my fitness level is not too bad. If other players aren't fit, then I could possibly play."

As a player, or manager, Robson is assured of a rousing welcome. Old Trafford may these days be closed to visiting spectators — hence an anticipated 8,000 Middlesbrough supporters will watch the match on a giant video screen — but this is one visitor who will be applauded, and the one least likely to be emotionally swayed by his brief homecoming.

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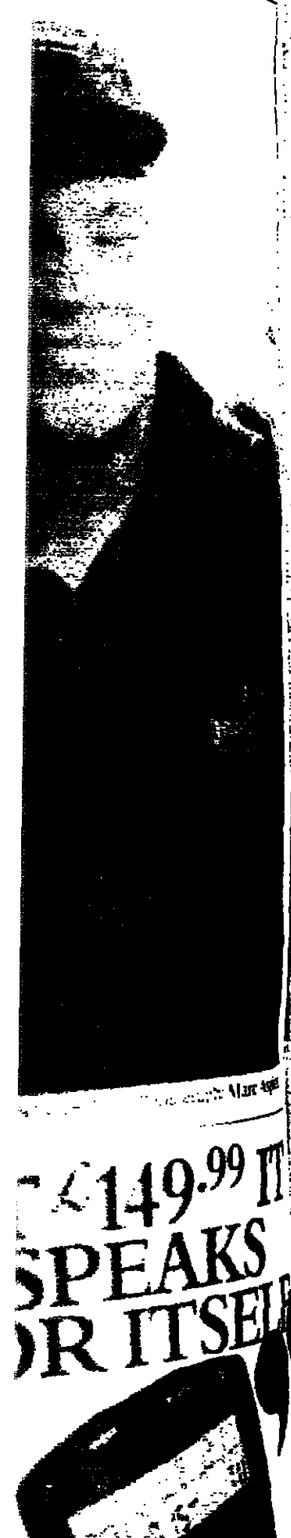
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OLYMPIC CHALLENGE: DESIGN A NEW ICON



This has been America's century. The automobile, flight, computing, rock music, movies, television and video, all the things that make our century distinctive, we owe to the enterprise and ingenuity of the Americans, even if they were not the original inventors.

Others have on occasions taken the initiative and made better cars, planes, semiconductors, written better songs and made better films. What no rival country has ever done is to create a popular fizzy drink in a distinctive package and make it, in the words of the Coca-Cola company's marketing strategy, "universally affordable, universally available and universally acceptable". If you had to choose a solitary symbol of the American century it would be the Coca-Cola contour bottle, the most recognisable package on Earth whose simple curvaceous lines fire a short-circuit in the brain and you find yourself saying "refreshes you best" or "it's the real thing".

The distinctive vessel will be celebrated at an exhibition at the Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia, next July. A selection of three-dimensional bottles between four and six feet high will be displayed, representing the different countries competing in the Games. The bottles will be the product of a competition or commission from each country and, in Great Britain, the competition is being organised by *The Times*. Labelled the "Coca-Cola Olympic Salute to Folk Art", the competition is open to all British residents. (Details, page 3.)

Coke wants a British bottle. **Stephen Bayley** explains why and traces the history of the 'real thing'

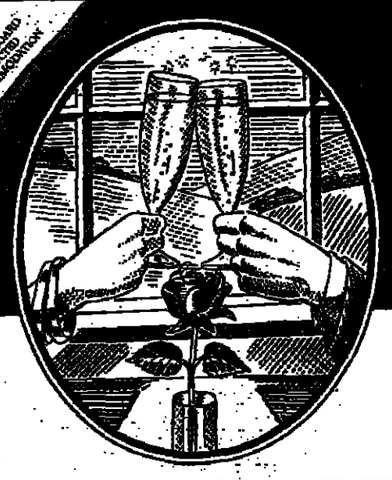
To understand the origins of Coca-Cola you have to imagine Atlanta, an untidy railway town in the late 19th century, re-building itself after Sherman burnt it down in 1864. Here, in all the bustle, fast food was invented. Commentators of the time, from Alexis de Tocqueville to Fanny Trollope (Anthony's mother) to Charles Dickens, all remarked on the temporary nature of America, of its insistent activity.

By the 1880s, quick-lunch counters were well-established in every town in every state. Men (it was still all men at this stage) would have a plate of beef or oysters while standing and arguing, light their cigars from a gasolier and move on busily to sow the seeds of the American Dream.

In this gun-toting world of shaggy entrepreneurs, John Styth Pemberton (1833-1888) was not exceptional. Pemberton was an itinerant, experimental pharmacist, one evolutionary stage beyond a quack doctor, selling photographic chemicals, hair dye, cosmetics, perfumes and dubious remedies, including Globe Flower Cough Syrup. He worked in an area where honest technical experimentation was scarcely discernible from charlatanism. Pemberton was not a successful man, but he was energetic and managed to keep out of jail; he tirelessly offered elixirs, syrups and cordials of uncertain provenance and even more uncertain character to soda fountains. We know

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Beam us up, Scotty: *Star Trek* veterans James T. Kirk and Spock await transportation at the Science Museum, London, together with *The Next Generation*'s Picard and Riker

MUSEUMS

John Russell Taylor

STAR TREK: THE EXHIBITION. Trekkies of the world unite: you have nothing to lose but your illusions. Although it meticulously fills in the technical and scientific background of the original *Star Trek* series, *The Next Generation*, *Deep Space Nine*, *Voyager* and the seven films, the exhibition is not in the business of dispelling the magic. Mind you, the dummies displaying original costumes do look as though the original cast has returned to its native plastic, but the reconstruction of the control deck of the first *USS Enterprise*, the original props and futuristic gadgets from the early 1960s, provoke the *frisson*.
Science Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7 (0171-938 8008). Daily 10am-6pm, until February 25. Admission £4.95, concessions £2.95. &

DEATH, PASSION AND POLITICS: Venetia Lady Digby may have died at the age of 33, but she packed a lot into her brief life. Her beauty was famous, her relationship with the alchemist Sir Kenelm Digby kept, like their marriage, secret, and her death, allegedly as a result of drinking "viper wine" prepared by Digby to preserve her beauty, mysterious. Retrospectively, Van Dyck painted her on her death bed and the picture has always been popular at Dulwich. This show brings to life the lady's history and the circles in which she moved. It includes a variety of other Van Dyck portraits and, on the art-historical side, explores the 17th-century tradition of the death bed portrait.
Dulwich Picture Gallery, College Road, London SE21 (0181-693 8000). Tues to Fri, 10am-5pm; Sat, 11am-5pm; Sun, 2-5pm, until January 14. Admission £2, concessions £1, free on Fridays.

DANCE

John Percival

PAUL TAYLOR: One of the most enjoyable, exhilarating, original and stimulating choreographers America has ever produced brings his company for just four performances to Edinburgh — their only British engagement during a world tour. Show One (Wednesday, Thursday) has two of his greatest hits: *Aureole*, a lyrical piece to Handel music, and *Company B* which brings to life the music and period of the Andrews Sisters. Two other proven favourites, the romantic *Roses* and the hilarious *3 Epitaphs*, are in Show Two (Friday, Saturday). Each programme also has two works new to Britain, from the mysterious *Spindrift* to the goofy *Sunny Papers*.
Festival Theatre, Nicolson Street, Edinburgh (0131-529 6000). Wed 1 to Sat 4, 7.30pm. &

DANCE UMBRELLA: A busy weekend offers DV8 on the South Bank (today until Monday), Merce Cunningham at Sadler's Wells (today and tomorrow) and Matthew Hawkins celebrating Purcell at the Riverside (today and tomorrow). Richard Alston's company has a new programme at the Queen Elizabeth Hall (Wednesday to Saturday), including a premiere to the many classic recordings of *Stardust*. Two exotic productions come to The Place: *Sisi Agbe Aye* from Africa (Tuesday, Wednesday), *Ariadone* from Japan (Friday, Saturday). At the Riverside are two British choreographers, Mark Baldwin (Tuesday, Wednesday) and Aletta Collins (Friday to Sunday).
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 & (0171-960 4242), 7.45pm: **Sadler's Wells Theatre**, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 & (0171-713 6000), 7.30pm: Sun matinée, 3pm; **Riverside Studios**, Crisp Road, London W6 & (0181-741 2255), 7.30pm: **The Place Theatre**, Duke's Road, London WC1 (0171-387 0031), 8pm.

THEATRE

Benedict Nightingale

VIVAT! VIVAT REGINA!: Robert Bolt might have been better remembered by a revival of his *Man for All Seasons* than by the somewhat cluttered foray into later Tudor history which he wrote in 1970. Nevertheless, his dual portrait of Mary Stuart, who subordinated public duty to personal desire and perished, and Elizabeth I, who did the opposite and thrived, still has the power to grip and fascinate. Janet McTeer is impressive as a Virgin Queen simultaneously toughened and withered by the pressures of political life.
Mermaid, Puddle Dock, London EC4 (0171-236 2211). Evenings: Tues to Sat, 7.30pm; matinées: Wed, 2pm; Sat, 3pm. &

THE HOTHOUSE: Harold Pinter plays one of the funniest characters he has ever created: the paranoid, blustering Roote, boss of a government "rest home" where patients can be abused or killed with apparent impunity. The play, written in 1958, was suppressed after the failure of the stylistically similar *Birthday Party*. It finally saw the light in 1980, and can now be rated a minor masterpiece. Pinter has written more bluntly about political corruption, but seldom with such relish for its Kafkaesque absurdities.
Comedy, Panton Street, London SW1 (0171-369 1731). Evenings: Mon to Sat, 7.45pm; matinées: Thur, 3pm; Sat, 4pm.

ROCK

David Sinclair

RADIOHEAD: A band of Oxford-based graduates specialising in dark, psychologically-scarred anthems. Their new single, *Lucky*, is out this week, an ironic title given that they had all their equipment stolen in New York earlier this month. They have a brooding stage presence, wonderful songs and a show which invariably produces a strangely uplifting effect.



Brooding presence: the uplifting *Radiohead*

Barrowlands, Glasgow (0141-556 5556), Oct 31; **Town and Country**, Leeds (01132 800 100), Nov 1; **Manchester Academy** (0161-832 1111), Nov 2; **Brixton Academy**, London SW9 & (0171-924 9999), Nov 4; **Rock City**, Nottingham (0115 9342000), Nov 5; **Corn Exchange**, Cambridge & (01223 357851), Nov 6; **Guildhall**, Southampton (01703 632 601), Nov 7.

THE HUMAN LEAGUE: The 1980s synth-pop ménage-à-trois from Sheffield, missing, presumed sunk, since their last tour in 1987. Hardly the world's most dynamic stage act, although buoyant in the wake of this year's surprisingly successful comeback album, *Octopus*. A new *Greatest Hits* compilation is released this week.
Guildhall, Portsmouth (01705 824355), Oct 29; **Colston Hall**, Bristol & (0117 922 3683), Oct 31; **St David's Hall**, Cardiff & (01222 878444), Nov 1; **Royal Centre**, Nottingham (0115 948 2626), Nov 2; **Manchester Apollo** & (0161-273 3775), Nov 4; **Sheffield City Hall** & (0114 272 6444), Nov 5; **Newcastle City Hall** (0191-261 2606), Nov 6. Ring 0171-491 8100 for details of tour venues until Nov 15.

CLASSICAL

Richard Morrison

BRUM MODERNS: The Birmingham Contemporary Music Group offer a virtuosic tour around the contemporary scene under the baton of Elgar Howarth. It includes the world premiere of a Chamber Concerto by Philip Cashian, perhaps unwisely placed in close proximity to Alban Berg's masterly Chamber Concerto. Works by the Danish composer Poul Ruders and Sir Harrison Birtwistle complete the programme.
Adrian Boult Hall, Paradise Place, Birmingham (0121-605 6666), tomorrow, 7.30pm. &

DAME MARGARET RETURNS: Although her fame probably rests with her Mozart opera performances, the great Welsh soprano Dame Margaret Price is a superb recitalist. In this Wigmore recital with the pianist Thomas Dewey, she explores the *Lieder* of Richard Strauss and of Hugo Wolf. Later this week (Thursday), in complete contrast, comes the Tallis Scholars singing English sacred music from John Taverner to Purcell.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore St, London W1 (0171-935 2141), Tues 31, Thur 2, 7.30pm. &

GALLERIES

Richard Cork

SEVEN STORIES ABOUT MODERN ART IN AFRICA: The most ambitious contemporary show in the *Africa 95* season, this lively survey fills the Whitechapel



The Kenyan artist Etale Sukuro shows *DDT* at Whitechapel

Art Gallery with overwhelming variety. Each of the seven sections, devoted to a particular country, has been selected by an African artist or historian. Senegal stands out for its free-wheeling theatricality. The most disturbing rooms can be found upstairs, where the Ugandan and Kenyan sections are dominated by violence and suffering. But alongside all the anguish, hope and vitality can be found as well. The Ethiopian artist Elizabeth Amafu displays the most spectacular work, *Shrine for Angelica's Dreams*, which uses flowers, plastic soldiers, dolls and religious icons to celebrate women's aspirations and fantasies.
Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, London E1 (0171-522 7888) until November 26.

BIG CITY: A smaller African show at the Serpentine concentrates on six artists, and most flourish in their generous spaces. Cyprien Tokoudagba covers the walls of the biggest room with the assurance of a seasoned mural painter. Frédéric Bruly Bouabré's small drawings veer from savage conflict to visionary delight. But the show-stoppers are provided by Bodys Isek Kingelez, who thrives on improvisation, whereas Georges Adeagbé suffers from long-winded obscurity in his found-object installation. Seydou Keïta redresses the balance with his observant photographs.
Serpentine Gallery, Kensington Gardens, London W2 (0171 402 6075) until November 5. &

JAZZ

Clive Davis

JOHN McLAUGHLIN: Stand by for the return this autumn of some of the luminaries of the jazz-rock years. Stanley Clarke, Wayne Shorter and Al DiMeola are all due in London in the coming weeks. This weekend belongs to the former Mahavishnu Orchestra leader John McLaughlin, appearing with Free Spirits, a hard-nosed power trio with Joey DeFrancesco on keyboards and Dennis Chambers on drums. Another fusion veteran, Joe Zawinul, appears on the same bill with his group, the Zawinul Syndicate. The evening will end with the two bands joining forces.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London (0171-960 4242) tomorrow, 7.30pm.

SUZANNE BONNAR/IAN SHAW: Suzanne Bonnar is emerging as a rival to fellow-Scot Carol Kidd. A singer blessed with poise and versatility, Bonnar performs with a group featuring the saxophonist Phil Bancroft and the pianist Chick Lyall. Ian Shaw is a stylist who is capable of caressing a Gershwin or Rodgers and Hart standard and then unleashing a Joni Mitchell song on his unsuspecting audience.
***Bonnar*: Queen's Hall**, Clerk St, Edinburgh & (0131-668 2019), Fri 3, 8.30pm; **RSAMD**, Glasgow (0141-332 5057), Sat 4.
***Shaw*: Pizza on the Park**, Knightsbridge, London SW1 (0171-235 5273), Wed 1 to Sat 4, 9.15pm, 11.15pm.

FILM

Geoff Brown

IL POSTINO (U): Touching drama about a fisherman's son on an island off Naples, who discovers new horizons delivering post to the exiled Chilean poet Pablo Neruda. The British director Michael Radford keeps his style simple: he knows the film stands or falls by Massimo Troisi's wonderful performance as the shy soul who opens up like a flower in spring.
Barbican & (0171-638 8891); **Gate** & (0171-727 4043); **Metro** (0171-437 0757); **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148); **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121); **Screen on the Hill** & (0171-435 3366).

TO DIE FOR (15): Hip director *Gus Van Sant* sails close to the mainstream with this handsomely packaged and breezy satire on America's television culture, written by Buck Henry. Yet his iconoclastic spirit still pokes through as Nicole Kidman's small-town girl nearly stoops to murder in her lust for glory as a local television star. Razor-sharp performances all round add to the film's delight.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323); **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772), **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096), **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527), **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148); **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666), **Mezzanine** & (01426 915683), **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098), **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121); **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520); **UCI Whiteleys** & (0171-792 3332); **Warner** & (0171-437 4343).

OPERA

Rodney Milnes

THE FAIRY QUEEN: At least opera inflames passions nowadays. *David Pountney's saucy new production for the English National Opera of Purcell's theatre piece has infuriated as many as it has entranced — it is funny, sexy, romantic and, above all, theatrical, and as such a worthy tercentenary tribute to a great theatre composer.* There is fine singing from Yvonne Kenny, Janis Kelly, Mary Hegarty, Michael Chance and Jonathan Best, and Nicholas Kok conducts a lively account of the score. Dream or nightmare according to taste. There is only one way to find out.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (0171-632 8300), tonight, Tues 31, Fri 3, 7.30pm. &

GOTTERDAMMERUNG: Talk about inflaming passions: the Royal Opera's *Ring* production has even hit *The Times*'s letters page, and in the sort of violent anatomical language that shows just how intense those passions can be. But everyone agrees that Haitink has surpassed even his own past record with these performances, and that the cast headed by Deborah Polaski is marvellous.
Royal Opera House, Bow St, London WC2 (0171-304 4000), today, 4pm; Tues 31, 4.30pm. &

WEST END THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
■ House full, returns only & Some seats available ☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **ARTHUR SMITH** Performs his 42-minute version of the play formerly known as *Hamlet*. Late night on three successive weekends
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-836 5122). Tonight, Nov 3/4, 10/11, 10.30pm &

☐ **THE CABINET OF DOKTOR CALIGARI:** Premiered at Nottingham, stage version of the German silent classic. Good sets, unearthly music, pointless dancing but a haunting performance by John Ramm as Matthew Kelly's sleepwalking killer.
Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311). Now previewing, 7.30pm, mat today, 2.30pm. Opens Oct 31, 7pm &

☐ **DEAD FUNNY** Belinda Lang, Kevin McNally and Sam Kelly in Terry Johnson's sharply funny play about comics and some of their fans
Savoy, The Strand, WC2 (0171-836 8888). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 5pm &

■ **EDDIE IZZARD** The quirky comedian returns for another season of surreal musings on life
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Ave, WC2 (0171-379 5399) Tue-Sat, 8pm; Sun, 7.30pm &

☐ **FUNNY MONEY** Ray Cooney plays the man who finds a bag of bank-notes in his latest farce. Charlie Drake excellent as a sorely-tried taxi-driver.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (0171-839 4401) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm &

& **HOBSON'S CHOICE:** Leo McKern in the title role of Harold Brighouse's warm-hearted comedy. Nichola McAuliffe and Graham Turner excellent as daughter and son-in-law.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Ave, W1 (0171-494 5045) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm Sat, 3pm &

& **AN INSPECTOR CALLS** Stephen Daldry's powerful production returns, with Nicholas Woodeson as the all-knowing Inspector, and Edward Peel and Susan Engel as the pillars of society
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5pm.

■ **A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC** Elegant and successful production by Sean Mathias of Sondheim's Swedish charmer. Judi Dench, Patricia Hodge, Sian Phillips and Lambert Wilson among the stars shining in the night
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm &

■ **MACK AND MABEL** The Jerry Herman musical set in early Hollywood where the careers of Mack Sennett and



Niklas Rådström's *Hitler's Childhood*: Young Vic

Mabel Normand unfold and clash. Fine songs, though a troublesome book. Paul Kerryson directs. Howard McGillin and Caroline O'Sullivan in the leads
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (0171-369 1734) Now previewing, mat Wed and Sat, 3pm 7.45pm. Opens Nov 7

☐ **MAKING THE FUTURE** Three modern European plays on a Bosnian boy's life, Hitler's childhood, Cinderella's Prince.
Young Vic, The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). Phone box office for performance schedule. Until Nov 4

& **MARABI** South Africa's Junction Avenue Theatre bring a jazz-dance-drama based on the urban discontent in 1935 Johannesburg
Theatre Royal, Gem, Raffles Square, E15 (0181-534 0310) Today 3pm and 8pm; final week. &

☐ **THE MASTER BUILDER** Peter Hall's cosy version of Ibsen, with Alan Bates, Gemma Jones and Victoria Hamilton
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm &

& **ONE FLEA SPARE** Fascinating play by Naomi Wallace, set in plague-struck London where an assortment of trapped people break social and sexual boundaries. Top class acting. Dominic Dromgoole directs
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (0181-743 3388) Mon-Sat, 8pm

☐ **THE PARK:** Botho Strauss's continuation of A Midsummer Night's Dream into the present day. The focus wobbles but there are many ingeniously sour insights into modern life and love
Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891) Today, 2pm and 7.15pm, Mon 7.15pm &

☐ **PRISONER CELL BLOCK H: THE MUSICAL:** Lily Savage takes to the son-of-legit stage in a musical version of the television series put through the Savage mincer
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5044). Previews tonight, 6pm and 8.45pm. Opens Oct 30 7pm

☐ **RAT IN THE SKULL** Tony Doyle and Rufus Sewell battle out the torments of Ulster in Ron Hutchinson's engrossing play. Stephen Daldry directs
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-836 5122) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm &

& **STRIKE:** Strong and searing dramatisation of an excerpt from Hubert Selby's celebrated novel *Last Exit to Brooklyn*. Not for the squeamish
Finborough, Finborough Road, SW10 (0171-373 8842). Tonight and tomorrow, 8pm. Transferring to the BAC

& **TAKING SIDES** Enthralling drama by Ronald Harwood based on the investigation of conductor Furtwängler's alleged Nazi sympathies. Superb performances by Daniel Massey and Michael Pennington
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W2 (0171-369 1747). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm

■ **THREE TALL WOMEN** Maggie Smith, Sara Kestelman and Samantha Bond in Edward Albee's fascinating play about the adoptive mother who withered his childhood
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736) Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

☐ **TROUBLE SLEEPING.** Sexually-charged melodrama from Nick Ward, set in his favourite location: the Fenland, where Sandra Voe and Peter-Hugo Daly play an obsessively devoted mother and son
Warehouse, Dingwall Road, East Croydon (0181-680 4060) Tue, 6.30pm Wed-Sat 8pm, Sun 5pm.

☐ **WHAT A SHOW!** Musical spectacular revolving around Tommy Steele who sings, dances, grins and remembers the old days
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (0171-3239 9397). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

LONG RUNNERS

■ **Crazy for You** Prince Edward (0171-734 8951) ☐ **Dead Guilty** Apollo (0171-494 5070) . . . & **Dealer's Choice** Vaudeville (0171-836 9987) . . . & **Five Guys Named Moe:** Albery (0171-369 1730) ■ **Grease** Dominion (0171-416 6060) & **The Importance of Being Earnest** Old Vic (0171-928 7616) & **Indian Ink** Aldwych (0171-416 6009) ■ **Les Misérables:** Palace (0171-434 0909) . . ■ **Oliver!** Palladium (0171-494 5020) . . . ■ **Starlight Express** Apollo Victoria (0171-828 8665) ■ **Sunset Boulevard** Adelphi (0171-344 0055) ☐ **The Woman in Black** Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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NEW RELEASES

HAUNTED (15) Ghost sceptic Aidan Quinn revises his opinions while staying in a stately home. Lewis Gilbert's laboured version of James Herbert's novel
Empire (0171-437 1234) **MGMs: Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **Trocadero** & (0171-434 0031)

THE LIFE AND EXTRAORDINARY ADVENTURES OF PRIVATE IVAN CHONKIN (15). Pleasant satire about a dotish soldier and Russia's military machine, but the film's time has passed. Jiri Menzel directs
Minema (0171-235 4225) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402)

TAKE CARE OF YOUR SCARF, TATJANA: Poignant comic delight from Finnish minimalist Aki Kaurismäki. Plus *Total Balalaika Show*: the Leningrad Cowboys in joyous concert with the Red Army Ensemble.
ICA & (0171-930 3647)

◆ *TO DIE FOR (15): See Critics' Choice, above.*

◆ **UNDER SIEGE 2** (18) *Die Hard* on a train, with an impassive star (Steven Seagal) a gunning villain (Eric Bogosian), and much tedious action
MGM Trocadero & (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** & (0171-792 3332) **Warner** & (0171-437 4343)

CURRENT

◆ **APOLLO 13** (PG) The near-fatal moon mission of 1970. Splendid images, but conventional drama. With Tom Hanks, Kevin Bacon and Ed Harris.
Empire & (0990 888900) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** & (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914 098) **UCI Whiteleys** & (0171-792 3332)

◆ **ASSASSINS** (15). Cat and mouse games between two contract killers. Reasonable action thriller, with Sylvester Stallone and Antonio Banderas
MGMs: Trocadero & (0171-434 0031) **Warner** & (0171-437 4343)

THE BIG SLEEP (PG). Classic 1940s thriller with Humphrey Bogart as Philip Marlowe and a famously impenetrable plot. With Lauren Bacall. director, **Curzon Phoenix** (0171-369 1721)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

◆ **BRAVEHEART** (15) Overly blood-thirsty epic, with Mel Gibson as the 13th century Scotsch rebel William Wallace. Gibson also directs
Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** & (01426 915683) **Plaza** & (0171-437 1234)

THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY (12). Best-selling romantic tosh given the kid-glove treatment by director Clint Eastwood, who co-stars with Meryl Streep.
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Panton Street** (0171-930 0631) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Warner** & (0171-437 4343)

CARRINGTON (18) Stumbling account of an odd Bloomsbury romance, dominated by Jonathan Pryce's Lytton Strachey. With Emma Thompson as the painter Dora Carrington. Writer-director, Christopher Hampton.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Curzon Mayfair** (0171-369 1720) **MGM Fulham Road** & (0171-370 2636) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Watermans** (0181-568 1176)

◆ **CLUELESS** (12) Life and empty minds of Beverly Hills teenagers. Frivolous fun from director Amy Heckerling, with Alicia Silverstone.
MGMs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** & (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** (0171-437 1234) **UCI Whiteleys** & (0171-792 3332) **Warner** & (0171-437 4343)

DON JUAN DEMARCO (15). Refreshing and quirky romantic fantasy about a man who thinks himself to be Don Juan. With Johnny Depp, Marlon Brando and Faye Dunaway.
MGM Panton Street (0171-930 0631)

FORGET PARIS (12). Can Billy Crystal and Debra Winger make their love affair stick? Do we care? A bumpy romantic comedy.
Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574)

◆ **FREE WILLY 2** (U): Teenagers save whales from an oil spill. Satisfying, politically correct family film.
MGM Trocadero & (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** & (0171-792 3332) **Warner** & (0171-437 4343) **Watermans** (0181-568 1176)

FUNNY BONES (15): Comedy and tears with a showbusiness family. Over-



Alicia Silverstone is *Clueless* in Beverly Hills

ambitious film from *Hear My Song* director Peter Chelsom, with an eye-grabbing turn from Lee Evans. With Oliver Platt, Jerry Lewis and Leslie Caron.
Warner & (0171-437 4343)

◆ **MORTAL KOMBAT** (15): Cinema version of the video game, all fights and special effects. With Christopher Lambert, Director, Paul Anderson.
MGMs: Trocadero & (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Marble Arch** (01426 914001) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** & (0171-792 3332) **Warner** & (0171-437 4343)

LAND AND FREEDOM (15): Ken Loach's powerful Spanish Civil War drama, with Ian Hart and Rosana Pastor.
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Ritz** (0171-254 6677) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Watermans** (0181-568 1176)

◆ **THE NET** (12): New technology, but enjoyable old thrills, with Sandra Bullock as a computer expert in peril.
MGMs: Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** & (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** & (0171-792 3332)

◆ **NINE MONTHS** (12): Hugh Grant's Hollywood debut: a messy, crude comedy about parenthood from *Home Alone* director Chris Columbus. With Julianne Moore.
Barbican & (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Notting Hill Coronet** & (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **Screen/ Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** & (0171-792 3332)

◆ **POCAHONTAS** (U): Strangely dull slice of American history: a backward step for Disney cartoons after *Aladdin* and *The Lion King*.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Leicester Square** (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** & (0171-792 3332)

◆ **SPECIES** (18): Mutant heroine causes havoc in L.A. Nasty, fast-footed creature feature, with Natasha Henstridge and Ben Kingsley.
Empire (0171-437 1234) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** & (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** (0171-437 1234) **UCI Whiteleys** & (0171-792 3332)

THE WILD BUNCH (18): William Holden's outlaws have one last, bloody fling. Sam Peckinpah's classic Western of 1969, with ten minutes restored.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (0171-836 6279)



Smart PR reinforced the "happiness" image of the Coke bottle, so that pictures of President Kennedy, film stars and the Beatles drinking from it simply confirmed a truth

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the very day when this curious character stumbled across the cordial that became a phenomenon. On May 8, 1886 Pemberton is said to have recorded in his experiment book that he mixed water, sugar, the fluid extract of the kola nut and other "herbal extracts" which, to the chagrin of some, remain secret today. This cordial, a derivative of an earlier, unsuccessful Pemberton effort called French Wine of Coca, was unusual of its type in that it actually tasted rather good.

Pemberton decided that it had remarkable properties and soon characterised it as a "brain tonic", a specific for relief of "headaches, nervous afflictions, neuralgia, hysteria, melancholia".

It was Pemberton's long-suffering book-keeper, Frank M. Robinson (1845-1923), who had the happy inspiration of naming this brain tonic after its apparent chief ingredients, the coca leaf and the kola nut.

With one magisterial stroke of humble genius he changed an initial "k" to an initial "C" and a viscous goo became the basis of Coca-Cola. With a second magisterial stroke, Robinson wrote that Coca-Cola was "delicious, refreshing" and then, with yet a third stroke of genius, his careful book-keeper's copperplate handwriting was translated into *that* trademark, registered in 1893 to protect the company from flagrant imitators, such as Koke, Gay-Ola, Cold-Cola and Koca-Nola.

It was the initiative of putting Coca-Cola, hitherto sold over the counter in drugstores and soda fountains, into bottles that turned a local Georgia curiosity into a mass-market world phenomenon, although this epochal event in the history of capitalism was a slow train coming.

By 1910, independent bottlers, the freemasonry of regional capitalists who helped achieve national distribution of Coke, tired of using whatever bottles they could find locally and decided they wanted: "A new bottle — a distinctive package that will help us fight substitution... We need a bottle which a person will recognise as a Coca-Cola bottle even when he feels it in the dark. The Coca-Cola bottle should be so shaped that, even if broken, a person could tell what it was."

In 1915, a competition was held among American glass manufacturers, including the Root Glass company of Terre Haute, Indiana, where a Swedish-born plant superintendant, Alex Samuelson, had the idea that a new, uniform bottle for Coca-Cola might well be inspired by the drink's contents. Hepassed an image of the curvaceous kola nut to his mould-shop supervisor, Earl Dean, who produced a bloated prototype of what we would today recognise as the famous contour bottle, a design accepted by all the bottlers when they met at an Atlanta convention in 1916. Six-packs followed in 1922.

Despite revolutions in packaging technology and dramatically changing patterns of consumption and distribution, the Coke bottle remains one of the most readily identifiable symbols in the world. To cynics, a token of clodhopping American exploitation (what they like to call Coca-Colonisation); to enthusiasts, a pleasing symbol of the optimism of the American Dream. While our more decorous European cultures require a two-handed cup-and-saucer routine, drinking one-handed from an ice-cold bottle of Coke is a reminder that America is a nation on the move. You need the other hand on the steering wheel, or in your sweetheart's hand.

Until the Second World War, Coca-Cola was essentially an American product, but a global war presented this most enterprising of businesses with a ready-made distribution network. The Coca-Cola company promised that every American serviceman in Asia or Europe or anywhere else should, for his nickel, be able to have a daily Coke: military logistics created the structure of what was to become the world's outstanding brand.



Trendsetter: the 1915 prototype Coke bottle

After 1945, when the armies were withdrawing, Coca-Cola stayed.

To its marketeers, Coke became a religion. You can extend the metaphors. The bottle was an icon, and the company staff and bottlers worked as an articulate and persuasive priesthood. The congregation was the world's population, who wanted to believe in the scripture of the American Dream, preached to them by adroit advertising of simple, but persuasive, ideas. Significantly, a Coca-Cola company official said: "Basically, anybody can make a drink. Pepsi is not a *terrible* drink. The reason for our success is an accumulation of advertising."

After the pharmaceutical developments of the 1890s and the bottle design of 1916, the Coca-Cola story has been about advertising. Coke's first advertising effort was an oilcloth banner in Atlanta which cost $46. Since then, things have become more ambitious.

The Coca-Cola chairman, Roberto C. Goizueta, 63, is fond of quoting that other American pioneer entrepreneur, Dr Scholl: "Early to bed and early to rise, work like hell and advertise."

If advertising is a profession of faith, then that faith acquires its force through accumulation of imagery. From the 1920s to the 1960s, Coke's paid-for communication laid layer on layer of agreeable imagery on to the public imagination. The contour bottle was always shown in contexts of profound well-being — of jolly red Santa guffawing, of happy families with their barbecues, of beach parties, of games and all those other open-air rituals of carefree Americana. Through advertising, the presence of a simple bottle became a code for happiness.

Clever PR reinforced the image, so that photographs of Kennedy and the Beatles drinking from contour bottles simply confirmed a truth. So much so that by the 1960s when pop artists, including Andy Warhol, wanted to find icons to express their sardonic curiosity with modern America they usually chose the Coke bottle.

But corporate America struck back from a different direction. Just as Warhol mocked Coke's status, the 1964 Ford Mustang introduced the kicked-up tail-line, a styling cliché that became known as the "Coke-bottle look".

The creative challenge to Coca-Cola is how to extend the international appeal of something so quintessentially American. The answer here is "think global, act local". For a global company, the challenge is an international one: not only to persuade hipsters in Hampstead or the Hamptons to drink Diet, but to persuade Yurts and Kazakhs to forego coffee, tea and water.

The changing structure and style of Coca-Cola advertising reflect this. Today, nobody wants to sing exactly the same tune, no matter how catchy. In any case, now that there is more than one Coke product, more than one style of advertising is appropriate. Global campaigns are being complemented by advertisements to local needs and tastes. While once Coke used a single agency to set the style of global advertising, under Sergio Zyman (creator of Diet Coke) the company's communications budget is spent in an imaginative way, as needs must.

Zyman bypasses the conventional advertising agencies, and blurs the distinction between advertising and editorial: Hollywood's Creative Artists' Agency, which packages directors and actors for making movies, has been producing Coke ads, just like the real movies. In Britain, Bartle Bogle Hegarty has been making ads aimed at local rivals, in this case supermarket me-too brands.

Coke is also involved in sports sponsorship, most spectacularly the 1996 Atlanta Olympics and, in British football, the Coca-Cola Cup.

Cynics scoff at the marketing effort, but the commitment is another way of saying that Coca-Cola has a culture. Statistically, people tend to choose Coca-Cola — another way of saying they elect to buy something they recognise. In that respect, nothing has changed: Coke still depends on a message of universal acceptability, but that message is delivered to diverse peoples in distinctive and different ways.

Who knows, if Coke had a bottle competition today the results might be diverse... but I doubt if they'd be better.

The old glass contour bottle is rarer now, preserved in silhouette on the side of drop-forged, recyclable aluminium cans or reborn in plastic. No longer a symbol of America, but of something even more interesting: the world's most successful branded product. Not bad for an old brain tonic.

TIMES/COCA-COLA COMPETITION

Win a trip for two to the Olympics

READERS of *The Times* are invited to create a version of the Coca-Cola contour bottle which reflects the spirit of their local community.

The designer of the winning entry will receive a five-night trip for two to the Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia, next July, plus £5,000, from Coca-Cola.

The winning design will also be produced by Coca-Cola to form part of the exhibition "Coca-Cola Olympic Salute to Folk Art" at the Games.

Five runners-up will each receive £1,000.

HOW TO ENTER

Entries must be supplied as flat artwork, either as photographs or illustrations. Photographic submissions (you may want to produce your piece and photograph it for entry) must not exceed 16in x 12in, and illustrations must not exceed A2 size. Your work should be easily recognised as a "Coca-Cola" contour bottle, with its defining features (shape, flutes and ridges). Please use the design specifications detailed in the competition leaflet, available from Lynne Franks PR (see below). Incorporation of the Coca-Cola logo is optional.

All entries must be received at Lynne Franks PR, PO Box 4035, London W9 3ZW by the closing date of December 15, 1995, clearly marked "Coca-Cola Olympic Salute to Folk Art", with a sheet of paper giving **a)** your name, **b)** your permanent address and telephone number, **c)** date of birth, and **d)** college and course if applicable.

Works should be created, decorated or painted with local materials, using traditional techniques and featuring images that are indigenous to or symbolic of your community to represent Great Britain at the Olympic Games. A brief description of the work explaining its inspiration and cultural context should be attached to your entry.

All materials that would be used if your piece was produced in 3D must be clearly identified. Materials may be wood, marble, straw, textile material, shatter-proof forms of glass, or any material sturdy enough to withstand the journey to Atlanta, if selected.

All designs must be the original creation of the entrant, carried out specifically for this competition.

This competition is open to people resident in Great Britain and the Isle of Man, excluding employees of Coca-Cola Great Britain and Ireland, CCSB, their families, agents or anyone directly connected with this competition.

Entries will be judged by Stephen Bayley, David Driver, head of design at *The Times*, and a representative of Coca-Cola. The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Closing date for entries is December 15, 1995.



Folksy look in wood by the American artist Howard Finster

The winning design will be exhibited in London early next year.

Prize winners agree to allow the use of their names, photographs and winning contour bottle design for publicity, advertising, promotional and merchandising activities in connection with this competition.

By entering the competition, entrants agree to assign copyright and ownership of entries to the Coca-Cola company.

All entrants will be deemed to have accepted and be bound by the rules.

Leaflets with the full list of competition rules are available by sending an SAE to Lynne Franks PR, clearly marked "Coca-Cola Olympic Salute to Folk Art — Rules", or by calling *The Times* on 0171-782 7155.

Ruth Gledhill joins prospective converts at a Reform synagogue

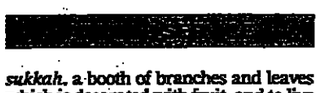
A warm harvest welcome



JUDAISM is not a missionary religion, so it was with some surprise that I found myself sitting in a "conversion class" at a Jewish synagogue, attempting to understand more about *Sukkot*, the Jewish equivalent of the harvest festival and one of three pilgrim festivals in the Jewish calendar. Maidenhead synagogue, a homely centre of worship, prayer and community life which serves diaspora Jews throughout Berkshire and Buckinghamshire, was founded in 1940 by members of London's Orthodox community. Although other Reform synagogues had been founded before, some by breakaway groups from Orthodoxy, Maidenhead achieved national distinction in 1953 when it became the first community to change its allegiance *en masse* from Orthodoxy to Reform, a movement which began early in the last century and which attempts to fit Jewish laws and traditions to the modern world.

At the conversion class which preceded the sabbath service, I was seated next to prospective converts and their partners. Some partners were Jewish, others were not. Maidenhead does not actively seek recruits from outside Judaism, but according to Dr Romain is experiencing "a new and fascinating phenomenon" where people with no Jewish background and who are not married to a Jewish man or woman are choosing to convert. The synagogue has developed an "outreach" programme but this is geared specifically to Jewish people who feel cut off from their community. According to Dr Romain, many Jewish people feel marginalised and drift away. As a result of his programme, the Maidenhead congregation has grown from 80 households to 510 in the last few years. Dr Romain has inspired other synagogues throughout the country to emulate what has become known as "the Maidenhead experience".

During *Sukkot*, also known as the feast of the Tabernacles, Jews are obliged by Leviticus 23.42 to build a



sukkah, a booth of branches and leaves which is decorated with fruit, and to live in it for seven days. This commemorates God's protection of the Israelites as they wandered in the desert for 40 years after the exodus from Egypt. In Britain the chilly weather means most Orthodox Jews instead eat a token meal in their *sukkah* after the daily evening service. During the service, we prayed in Hebrew and sang, also in Hebrew but with an English translation provided alongside, the sabbath greeting.

Dr Romain, a well-known broadcaster and writer, preached to us on the mischief occasioned by superstition. He said Jewish people should not worry about the dangers of Friday 13, because this date relates to Christianity, when Christ sat down to the Last Supper with 12 people, making a total of 13.

Nor should they worry about the notion of the evil eye, the Ayin Hara, goes back to Proverbs 28: "He that has an evil eye hastens after riches, But does not realise that want shall chase after him." Dr Romain told us how this developed into the notion that some looks can kill, and that a jealous glance can bring bad luck. "That in turn led to the tradition to play down one's good fortune lest it attracts jealous looks... and only a generation ago babies were covered in rags and called "ugly" by their adoring mothers to prevent any malevolent wishes," he said. As I left, after a sumptuous meal in the *sukkah*, my eye was caught by a stunning, teenage girl with flowing black hair who smiled as her father said, in jest, "Look how ugly she is." I thought of the last words of Dr Romain's sermon: "If tomorrow a black cat crosses your path, yes, it may mean doom and destruction. But it may just mean that it wanted to get to the other side. It shouldn't stop you determining that when you cross someone's path, the result is that you bring smiles and laughter in your wake."

Maidenhead Synagogue, 9 Boyn Hill Avenue, Maidenhead, Berkshire. SL6 4ET. Tel: 01628 73012.

★ *A one to five star guide to the service* ★

☐ **RABBI:** Dr Jonathan Romain.

☐ **ARCHITECTURE:** Edwardian, in the style of a community centre in a comfortable suburb. ★★

☐ **SERMON:** Reassuring dismissal of superstitious myths, and a warning that "tomorrow does come". Dr Romain is without question one of this country's best contemporary preachers. ★★★★★

☐ **LITURGY:** Sabbath evening service from *Forms of Prayer for Jewish Worship*, the prayer book edited by the rabbis of the Reform Synagogues of Great Britain. ★★★

☐ **MUSIC:** Beautiful sabbath songs sung with evocative bass and top line harmonies by the congregation. ★★★

☐ **AFTER-SERVICE CARE:** Lavish feast of bread and cakes under the stars. ★★★★

☐ **SPIRITUAL HIGH:** Enlightening, gracious and peaceful. ★★★★★



Hi-sty technology beats satellites

Under the heading "Isn't it wonderful what they can do these days . . . ," comes the personal satellite navigator. For under £300, this pocket-sized device will plot your position on the planet to within 100 yards. It does not matter if you are halfway up Everest or in the queue for Lottery tickets. it will tell you precisely where you are and, with a linking piece of gadgetry, give you detailed courses and directions to get you back where you started from.

It is difficult for us children of the 1950s, who thought Telstar was a marvel, to believe that a handheld machine can actually track satellites, but that is how these machines work. By measuring signals that pour down on us from space, the little box can follow our every movement.

The Global Positioning System, or GPS as it is called, has made an obvious difference to aviators, sailors and explorers, but farmers are using it, too. A couple of years ago, the first combine harvester to be tracked from space was introduced: not because fields are so large these days that farmers are getting lost, more because the yield from precise points on the field could be plotted by computer and adjustments made when applying fertiliser the following season. It is not my style, but there you are.

Now, clever as all this might be, let me devastate you by telling you that, according to my observations, pigs have been doing this for years. I do not know how they do it, whence they get their signals, how they do the sums. But without doubt, the navigation system which pigs employ outperforms anything pouring down on us from outer space. The satellite boys can offer us an accuracy of about 100 yards: pigs have it down to a matter of inches.

This amazing observation came about as a result of the belated onset of autumn. It has taken some time coming this year, but finally the oaks have got round to shedding their fruit. Our orchard is now awash with windfall apples and acorns. Send for the pigs!

I am afraid they have had a rather dreary summer on a flat and featureless part of the farm. I put them there with the best of intentions, because I thought there were still some potatoes lurking just beneath the surface, missed at harvesting time the previous autumn. But the searing summer heat caused the field to be covered with a hot, concrete-like crust which no pig's snout could penetrate. The undiscovered potatoes baked. Didn't we all?



FARMER'S DIARY: PAUL HEINEY

The two sows, Polly and Alice, deserved a break, so last week we moved them. Alice, well-trained to following a bucket of food even unto the ends of the Earth if necessary, waddled along like a faithful dog for the 100 or so yards from field to orchard. On arrival, she sniffed, truffled a little earth with her nose, which she usually does on arrival at a new home — her equivalent of kicking off her slippers, I suppose — and settled down for the winter.

Polly, the younger sow was not so helpful. Having spent the entire summer carefully avoiding the strand of electric fencing which had confined her, there was no way she was ever going to cross the line where she believed it still to be. We took it down for a good half-hour beforehand, so that she could get the idea it had gone. But despite all foodie temptations put before her, she would arrive at precisely the spot where her navigation system said the wire had been, and would go no further. Not one inch.

In the end, we waited until she burrowed her snout in the food bucket, gave her a quick push so that she went well over the imaginary line, and then she waddled on quite happily.

But the most remarkable display of her navigational skills was yet to come.

Polly has not been in the orchard for almost a year. She has been nowhere near it, had no sniff of it. Since then a lot of swill has flowed under the bridge. So explain this: as we came up the slope and through the gate, Polly came to a stubborn halt. Try to coax her on and she dug in her trotters, and squealed. Tempt her with more food and she would not be persuaded. She froze. We thought about this; wondered if her nose was detecting some strange animal scent of an enemy lurking, a fox, say.

Then we remembered. It was on this precise spot, almost 12 months before, that Robert and I had struggled long and hard to load Polly into a trailer to take her to her sty for the winter. The very same spot. To within the inch. The problem then had been that, although the electric fence had been removed and replaced with a trailer, to get in the trailer she had to cross the threatening, though invisible, line. Eleven months later, and heading in the other direction, she had remembered. Fantastic.

Which leads me to the conclusion that, clever though satellite technology may be, it has got nothing on pigs. If ever I am on an expedition demanding accurate navigation, I shall most certainly take a pig with me. They don't even need batteries.

A cash battle is on to restore much of the 70,000 miles of dry-stone walling in England

Threat to slabs of heritage

BARRY GREENWOOD



Steven Allen, three times British champion dry-stone waller, with a finished stretch of challenging wall in Cumbria

For a British champion Steven Allen leads a remarkably unassuming life. Nine hours a day, six days a week he strives to repair and rebuild the dry-stone walls of Cumbria. Being dry-stone wall champion means he does it better and quicker than most people.

Mr Allen is one of 300 full-time wallers among the 1,050 registered with the Dry Stone Walling Association of Great Britain (DSWA). There are also many wallers who are not members. Whatever the total number, there is no shortage of work.

A survey for the Countryside Commission found that only 13 per cent of the estimated 70,000 miles of walls in England is in good condition, nearly two-thirds show serious signs of deterioration or are in the early stages of dereliction, and one-sixth are little more than remnants.

About 2,400 miles of walls were lost to the countryside between 1984 and 1990.

"This part of our national heritage will become a wasteland, utterly devastated within 30 years, unless we get the investment," says Paul Webley, chairman of the DSWA.

The Agricultural Development and Advisory Service, which carried out the survey, estimates that the cost of restoring all walls to a "stock-proof and excellent condition" would be £3 billion. Half of this would be required for the most urgent repairs, the Commission says, adding: "Nobody is forcing farmers to rebuild walls where there is no longer any necessity for them."

Peter Allen, who farms 2,000 acres in Cumbria and is vice-chairman of the Less Favoured Areas committee of the National Farmers Union, says: "It is impractical and uneconomic to reinstate some of them."

Grants for repair and restoration are available in designated Environmentally Sensitive Areas, of which there are 22 in England, including the Lake District, North Peak, South West Peak, Cotswold Hills, Pennine Dales and Dartmoor.

Farmers who take up grants from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food must observe good conservation practice. The wall has to be taken down to foundation level and £14-£16 per metre is paid. The cost of repairing a wall from scratch is about £15 to £35 per square metre, plus another £20 per sq m if the stone has to be bought.

There are also grants available through the ministry's Farm and Conservation Grant Scheme, and the Commission's Countryside Stewardship scheme, through which about 136 miles of wall are being restored. These grants run at about £7.50 per metre for simple repairs to £12 per metre for full restoration.

When the ministry takes over Countryside Stewardship from the Commission next April the hope is that more money will become available.

"What we want is one, simple grant scheme which is well-policed so that there is no poor quality walling done," Mr Webley says. "We are lobbying MPs in upland areas to discuss increased aid with the ministry."

Alastair Davy, a hill farmer whose 350-acre farm in the Yorkshire Dales National Park is to pilot a national experiment in new management measures to restore the fortunes of poorer hill farmers in Britain, says he wants to see groups formed young farmers to restore walls and provide employment.

Dry-stone walls were primarily built to mark boundaries and enclose sheep and cattle, but they also provide shelter for stock. Most repairs utilise stone lying in a field.

The walls also provide a habitat for a range of flora and fauna: frogs, toads, weasels, stoats, mice, hedgehogs, wheatears, redstarts, lichen, mosses, spleenwort (fern) and polypody (fern).

The big advantage of dry-stone walls over fencing is longevity. A good stone wall can last 150-200 years. They can be built of sandstone or slate, granite, limestone, gritstone or whinstone.

Problems arise from the constant rubbing of cattle, sheep trying to jump over them, roots of nearby trees disturbing their foundations, walkers carelessly climbing them, and the weather. Some of the stone is stolen for rockeries and garden features.

"Once a gap opens up, or the coping stones (top stones) fall off, the wall can quickly start to deteriorate," says Mr Allen, who became British champion for the third time last month after nine one-day competitions held throughout the country.

If the deterioration of dry-stone walls accelerates, something else will be lost from the countryside: the lariguage of the waller. A "creep" or a "smoot" is an opening for sheep; "cheek" is the end of a wall section: and "bellying" is the swelling of a wall before it bursts. There seems to be no word yet for "disappear".

CHRISTIAN DYMOND

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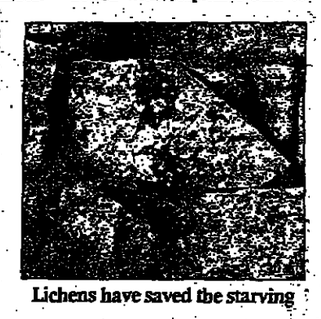
Was the lichen our ancestor?

The strange natural story behind those colourful patches of flora

If there is any life on Mars, it will be a lichen, says Frank Dobson. "And it's possible that they were the first land-based life forms on Earth, which means we are all descended from lichens."

Mr Dobson's enthusiasm for lichenology is Bellamy-like and infectious. He is a former president of the British Lichen Society, writes and lectures widely, and advises on wildlife films, such as David Attenborough's *The Private Life of Plants*. Meeting him throws a new light on those multi-coloured patches we see on trees and rocks, as I discovered on one of his field courses.

Entitled "Lichens near London", the aim of the weekend was to show that lichens are not only beautiful but useful, especially in their best-known role as indicators of air pollution. Because lichens comprise two organisms cohabiting (about 95 per cent fungus and 5 per cent alga), they come and go as the environment changes. The evidence they present is that the air around London and other big cities is getting cleaner.



Lichens have saved the starving

The choice of Dorking, Surrey, for the course was deliberate: Surrey has fairly clean air combined with the heavy pollution from London.

On Ranmore Common Mr Dobson spotted a *Ramalina farinacea* and some particularly large *Usnea subfloridana*, and said excitedly: "Ten years ago you wouldn't have seen these here; it's an indication that the area is really getting cleaned up."

Using the Hawksworth and Rose zone scale — a ten-point system devised to monitor levels of sulphur dioxide, which lichens hate, we spent most of the morning on a moderately mucky Zone 5 hill, with a brief foray into a fresher Zone 7 valley. These were higher gradings than would have been scored ten years ago, suggesting that the the Clean Air Act and fewer coal-fired power stations may be proving effective.

In Epping Forest, on the other side and down-wind of London, 120 species of lichen were recorded in 1868. By 1970 there were 28 hardy types left. Now 50 species can be found.

Lichens have many other uses: in dyes, herbal teas, perfumes, litmus paper, antibiotics, insecticide, animal fodder, and even emergency rations. During the Second World War lichens were boiled with sulphuric acid to make sugar, so that sugar beet could be saved to make alcohol for the Soviet military.

The arctic explorer Sir John Franklin lived for 11 days on boiled lichens. As his party were also eating their leather boots and belts, the lichens probably went down well.

Growing best in the wet, but easier to study while dry, lichens can thrive where nothing else will. There is debate about whether they damage the surfaces on which they live, but Mr Dobson says only a few penetrate a surface and that most simply cling on, offering protection — one more reason to enjoy their structures, best seen through a x10 magnifying hand-lens.

JENNY McCLEAN

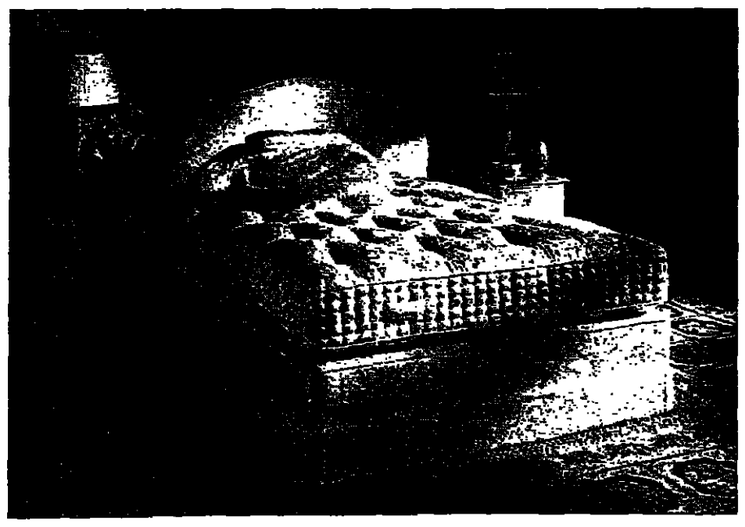
Lichen spotters wanted

☐ *The author was a guest of the British Lichen Society who will send enthusiasts a local mapping card to help its research. Write to the BLS, c/o Department of Botany, The Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 5BD. Mr Dobson's leaflet "Lichens on man-made surfaces" is available free from the BLS; (enclose SAE).*

☐ *Frank Dobson's course, "Lichens near London", was organised by the Field Studies Council, Preston Montford, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY4 1HW (01743 850674). Weekend courses £94 all-inclusive; weekly courses start at £220.*

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New lease of life for Mostyn

Proposed docks will benefit the area, argues **Jim O'Toole**

THERE has been a port at Mostyn for more than 400 years. At the turn of this century more than 2,000 people were employed in the area. But now parts of it are an industrial wasteland and our dock modernisation proposal will help to rehabilitate Mostyn.

The impression given in the Weekend article about Mostyn on October 7 was that wildlife will be threatened. In fact, five areas of mitigation land are to be provided and protected for various species, with the full knowledge of the Countryside Council for Wales. The Port of Mostyn Ltd has also offered a conservation management agreement for a further area of 900 hectares of foreshore which it owns. The area of estuarine land under direct conservation management will therefore increase by around 20 per cent. Snow geese, which are said to be threatened, do not visit the estuary: seals are some 3.5 miles away. None of the wildfowl which inhabit the estuary are on an endangered species list.

Recent industrial developments on the estuary have also contributed areas for conservation, a fact well recognised and appreciated by responsible conservationists.

The references to movements of silt containing plutonium, zinc and radioactivity, as quoted by Friends of the Earth, are irresponsible. The company submitted an extensive Environmental Impact Assessment which included sediment analysis. The criteria for the sediment was laid down by the National Rivers Authority and it was confirmed that of the elements tested, without exception, all fell well within acceptable water quality standards. The NRA has not objected to the development scheme. As to toxin levels, they are well within statutorily required limits. There is anyway no proposal to dredge the flats as all dredging will be carried out in sub-tidal areas.



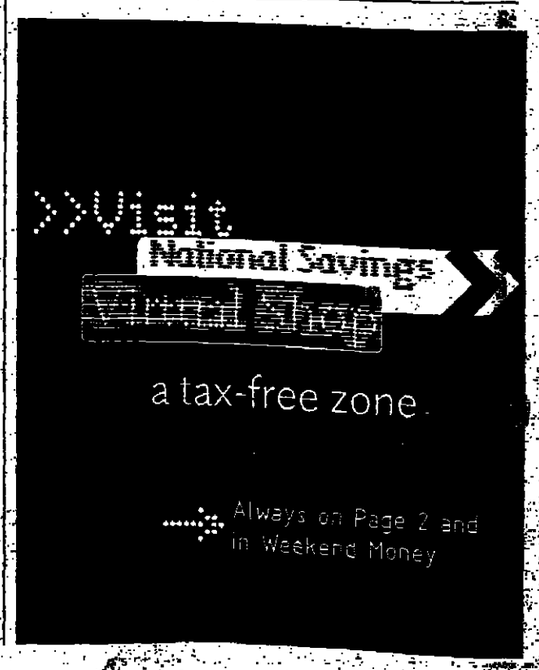
Mostyn: the planned site

Water quality has improved in recent years. During the public inquiry, there was no substantive evidence offered which demonstrated that the construction operations would cause irreversible damage to wildlife, as the writer suggested.

The misleading impression given in the article was that local opposition is substantial. The project has the full support of all levels of government. A local petition in favour was signed by 1,309 people. More than 30 businesses wrote to the Welsh Office in support. Local opposition has been minute, as is suggested by daily records of those attending the public inquiry. At a meeting for local people on July 26, three people stood up to object, one of whom was from Friends of the Earth, the other two raised unrelated issues.

The photograph that accompanied the article was inaccurate, showing an area outside the Dee Estuary, some distance from Mostyn. Emma Brockes says that she saw "smoke and cranes of Hamiltons' oil refinery". There is no oil refinery on the Dee Estuary. She claimed that Mostyn village suffered three deaths from floods in 1991. There were no floods in 1991 and no fatalities, though there was a breach in a railway wall in 1990.

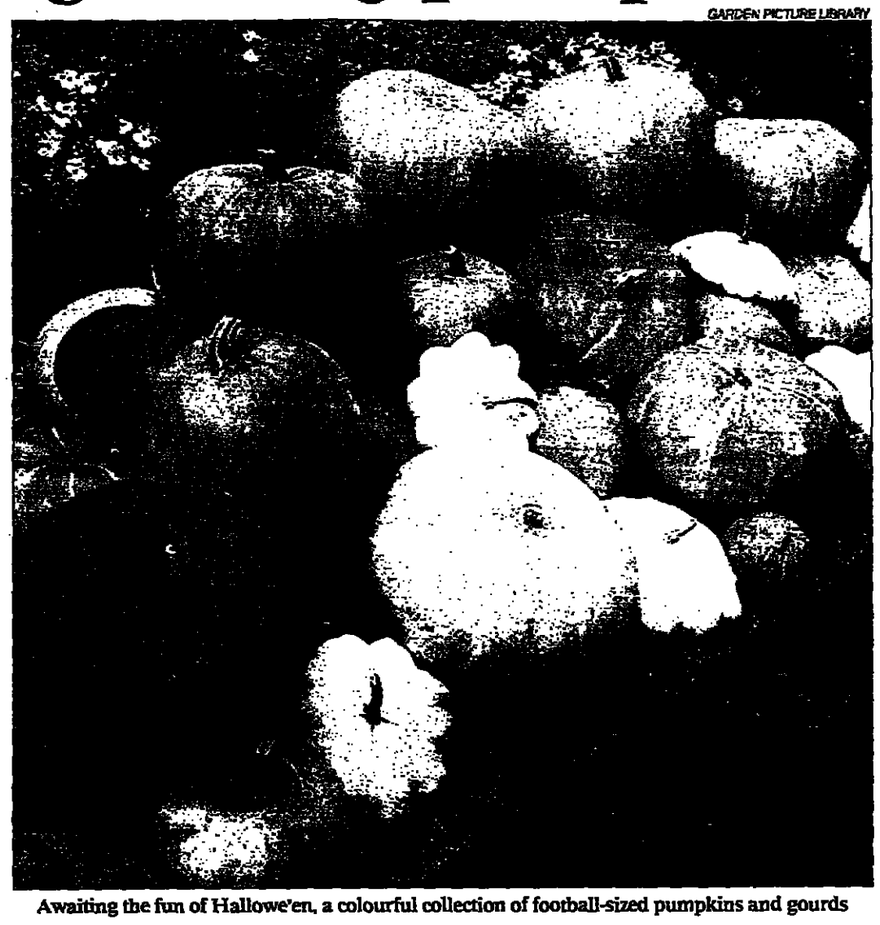
● *The author is managing director of Port of Mostyn Ltd.*



Make light of growing pumpkins

Stephen Anderton offers tips on planting, potting and selecting varieties

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Awaiting the fun of Hallowe'en, a colourful collection of football-sized pumpkins and gourds

Picture the four of us in the drive, each gripping the corner of a blanket in the middle of which sits a big, glorious, golden pumpkin a full yard across. The object of the game is to get this gorgeous hulk into the back of a pick-up truck, so it can be taken to be weighed at the Avery's scales depot in Newcastle. The trouble with pumpkins is that they have no handles. It's like manhandling a 200lb drunk upstairs.

This particular beauty was grown for fun by a friend and, when it promised to reach an enormous size, he offered it to the local primary school. It would have made the most extraordinary pumpkin lantern — and could, perhaps, have been used afterwards as a mobile classroom.

So the pumpkin began a new life on the road. First, two weeks of Guess the Weight in the village shop for 50p a go, in aid of school funds. At the weekends it was transferred, with much heaving and cursing, to a shopping mall in Newcastle for a wider audience.

Finally, it was ceremonially disembowelled and the entrails read. The schoolchildren tried to count its seeds but gave up. The school cook put it on the menu but it threatened to last for ever. So, at long last, it made its way to that great compost heap in the sky. The pumpkin had had a useful life. But then, it had had a privileged childhood. It had been carefully grown under cover in a polythene tunnel and fed like a king. Pumpkins like a long, hot summer and plenty of water. In America, where size is everything, they can grow pumpkins twice the size of the British champions. Think of pumpkins at 800lb (more than 7cwt); four grown men. (The British record weight for a pumpkin is 710lb, says the *Guinness Book of Records*.)

In southern Britain, pumpkins do well enough outside and will grow to a good size. In the north, if you want them big, they need to be kept under glass to get a long and warm enough season.

Size apart, the whole family of squashes and marrows and pumpkins are a greedy lot. You cannot overdo the preparation. It is worth making the sort of bedding hole you would dig for planting an important tree: a yard each way, with lashings of manure in the bottom, which helps to hold the moisture at the roots and provide nourishment.

Plants are reared from seed in pots indoors in May and planted in position as soon as the weather is frost-free and warm. If there is a cold spell, it is better to wait and pot on the seedlings, putting them out a couple of weeks later. Once they have started to grow in earnest, they will need a lot of water, and planting them in a depression makes this easier. You can improve the depression by mulching the whole area with more well-rotted manure.

As the limbs of the pumpkin plants romp away over the ground, they can be encouraged to root, which helps to pull more goodness and moisture into the plant.

When flowering starts, pollination should be done by insects, but in a cold year you may need to do a little match-making. Take a male flower and rub the pollen-bearing stamens into the female flowers — those with the little embryo fruit at the back of the flower. You may find that the season starts with almost exclusively male flowers, but the balance usually rights itself.

Once you have two or three little fruits developing, nip off any subsequent flowers so that all the energy is concentrated into the few. A strong pumpkin plant in a good position will easily produce two or three football-sized pumpkins, enough to give you a family of lanterns. But if you want to go for the really big one, you must decide which is the most promising fruit and remove the smaller growths. The only need then is for sunshine.

Pumpkins ripen on the plant and take less nourishment as the weather cools and the frosts threaten. A temperature drop of one degree or so will not visibly harm them, but they keep less well once the frost has got at them.

Pumpkins come in many different colours and sizes, and the choice depends on why you want to grow them: if as garden ornament, sow seeds of the larger ones. At Levens Hall in Cumbria, a couple of years ago, staff filled part of the kitchen garden with a range of squashes and pumpkins and the result was impressive as the leaves died off with autumnal rain and rots, leaving clutches of bizarre, colourful eggs to line the path.

For a great size, you must sow seed varieties which have the propensities for this in their genes. Even then, only competition growers will get these varieties to reach the mammoth proportions quoted by the seed suppliers, but at least you will be starting with a chance.

Flavour is another matter. Pumpkin pie in Australia is delicious, I hear, but my experience of British pumpkin pie is rather like the description in Stephen Sondheim's *Sweeney Todd* of Mrs Lovatt's pies made from Royal Marines: they taste of wherever they've been. If they are full of butter and cinnamon, then that will be the taste and not much else.

Can any readers tell me the names of varieties which have a worthwhile flavour? Your replies will be appreciated.

● *Next Tuesday and Wednesday, 62 varieties of pumpkins, squashes, marrows and gourds will be exhibited by the gardening author Caroline Boisset at the Royal Horticultural Society flower show at Vincent Square, London SW1.*

● *Plant grape vines in rich, well-manured soil.*

● *Shorten gangling stems on shrub roses to reduce wind rock.*

● *Take hardwood cuttings directly into the ground of buddleia, forsythia, flowering currant, gooseberries and red, white and blackcurrants.*

● *Make any late cuts of the lawn a little longer than usual, to strengthen the grass; ensure all clippings are removed.*

● *Place a cloche over parsley, to keep up supplies for Christmas.*

● *Cut down the ferny stems of asparagus and clear away.*

GARDEN ANSWERS



STEPHEN ANDERTON
replies to readers' letters

Q I have three old tamarisk bushes, 15ft high. Honesty, Japanese anemones and spring bulbs thrive below them in the sandy soil, but annual bedding is drawn forward to the light and looks poor. What can I grow under them for summer colour? — Mrs R. Hirst, Colchester, Essex.

A This is a naturally dry and difficult spot in summer. However, try the bold yellow and cream foliage of *Symphytum x uplandicum* 'Variegatum', foxgloves, Solomon's seal, acanthus and the creeping yellow *Waldsteinia ternata*. Alternatively, cut the tamarisks back hard to let in more light and moisture, gradually getting them down to a smaller scale, and then keeping them to 6-8ft by regular pruning.

Q I have a blue Atlas cedar, *Cedrus atlantica* Glauca, which is at the maximum acceptable height for its position. Should I snip off the top and risk the side branches spreading out further, or cut it down and start again? — G.A. Poulter, Thame, Oxfordshire.

A However you prune it, the chances are that it will never again look as good as it does now. It is a forest tree and will want to grow hard and fast. But you can prune it for many years before it looks too uncomfortable. The best method is to trim the tree all over every year, including the leader, cutting nothing more than half an inch. Do not chop the leader hard back or it will look ugly, and a new one will develop out of line. Eventually the tree will get to look hedge-like. Perhaps that is the time to have it down and start again. It will not re-sprout. You will need to plant a new tree.

Q I grow currant and gooseberry bushes alongside each other, and this year I found what appeared to be five large, hairy blackcurrants growing on a red gooseberry bush. The flavour was good, curranty but sweeter, and the fruits were later than either parent. Is this a recognised hybrid? I plan to grow on seeds from two of the berries to see what I get. — D.G.P. Chatfield, Pwllheli, Gwynedd.

A This is not a new hybrid. Both Jostaberries and Worcesterberries are of this parentage. The Jostaberry is like a pale, huge blackcurrant, with good resistance to mildew. The Worcesterberry is more like a small, late-fruiting red gooseberry.

Q How can I get rid of poplar suckers coming up in our lawn, up to 20 yards from the parent tree? — D. Thompson, Kippax, Leeds.

A Like all suckers, it is better to break them away from the horizontal root below ground, than to cut them off at soil level, which encourages buds lower down to sprout. Their growth could be the result of damage to the tree's roots, by spiking or slitting the lawn. Break the suckers away now, mow as normal next season, and see if that does not keep them down. If they reappear seriously, paint the leaves with glyphosate.

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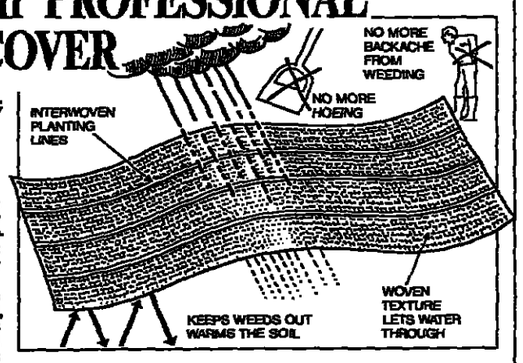
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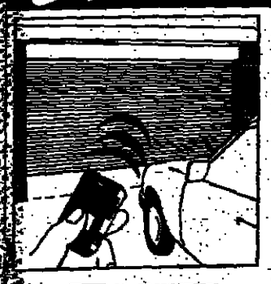
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National shopping trends may be sluggish, but Heathrow's luxury items march out of Terminal 4

Of flights and fancy goods

Intertat is a word I coined long ago to describe the shoddy merchandise that greeted travellers in airport terminals the world over. Not any more, it seems. All that is changing.

Where, for instance, could you stroll from the sophistication of Harrods to the enchanted toytown of Hamleys in moments, or browse through Aquascutum, Austin Reed and Allders all under one roof and all tax free?

The answer is at Heathrow's Terminal 4. Every day of the year, about 16,000 travellers exploit the duty-free and tax-free facilities in a spacious air-side shopping mall, where celebrated logos are reflected in the gleaming terrazzo floor tiles.

In less than an acre of this Heathrow high street you can buy Swiss shoes, English china, French perfume, Scotch whisky and Japanese watches, and carry them all off in Italian luxury luggage. Gone are the utilitarian Sky Shops and Runway Restaurants of yesterday, and in their place have come market leaders such as Tie Rack, the Body Shop and Garfunkel's.

Terminal 4 was opened by the Prince and Princess of Wales on April 1, 1986, and serves British Airways long-haul traffic, including Concorde, and flights to Paris, Athens and Amsterdam. KLM, Air Lanka and Air Malta also share the facility. It handled more than 11 million passengers last year, and its single departure lounge is the length of six soccer pitches with 92 check-in desks.

With a soaring 14 per cent increase in purchases, bringing duty and tax-free sales at Terminal 4 last year to just under £100 million, the BAA, formerly the British Airports Authority, has already begun work on a scheme to increase the mall's size by more than one-third. Retailing is BAA's largest single source of revenue, bringing in more than traffic movement income, such as aircraft landing fees.

In recent years, Heathrow outlets have bucked the sluggish national shopping trends, says Barry Gibson, BAA's group retailing director. "If people are still flying, they are likely to have a bob or two." More than 50 per cent of passengers flying out of Terminal 4 are ABs, and more than 80 per cent ABCIs, he says. About 35 per cent are British.

To counter the rip-off image all too often associated with airport shopping, BAA has recently introduced a no-quibble, money-back guarantee that enables unhappy shoppers to return goods from anywhere in the world and have their money refunded within days. Prices of branded items are also guaranteed to be in line with those in high-street stores, less the 17.5 per cent VAT on taxed goods.

> "Shops selling goods are the largest single source of revenue at Britain's airports"

The behaviour of travellers in departure lounges is a subject that, naturally, fascinates Mr Gibson and his colleagues. In this respect, time-lapse video cameras provide them with invaluable information. "What we have found is that, once in the departure area, the first thing a family group does is to find seats and set up a base camp," he says. "Then they set off on foraging expeditions." While Mum sits with the bags, Dad wanders off for his bottle of Scotch.

"In Dad's absence, the kids inevitably gather around the video games, and on his return Mum is released to venture off on a perfume-buying foray." Next, thoughts will turn to eating, says Mr Gibson, who muses on how predictably we all behave. In Terminal 4 the choice ranges from the humble burger and cola, to caviare and champagne.

There is even a typical English pub, complete with wood-panelled alcoves, which serves real ale. There it is not unusual to see transit passengers sipping pints in the early morning. It may be a strange sight, but, as Mr Gibson says, "According to their body clocks, it's probably evening."

At Terminal 4 the names of the customers are often as well known as those of the merchandise. The pop star Des'ree recently asked staff on the HMV stand how her latest release was selling, and Burt Reynolds was sighted shopping at Mappin & Webb. Roger Moore also dropped in, but only to check on the value of his Rolex. The shop is, incidentally, the biggest selling outlet for Rolex in the UK. The most popular is the bi-colour ladies' and gentlemen's steel and gold watch (ladies' £2,059, gentlemen's £2,574, compared with £2,420 and £3,025 in the high street).

Despite the advent of Superdrug stores, airport perfume sales account for more than 10 per cent of the national market. The most popular fragrance at Heathrow — and at Terminal 4 — is Chanel No 5, while Christian Dior's Dune heads the poll at Gatwick. Sales of perfume, combined with liquor and tobacco sales, account for more than 50 per cent of the market.

Japanese travellers top the league of international big spenders. Their gift culture, which dictates that when an employee takes a present back to give to the boss it has to reflect the recipient's status, helps to explain why Japanese customers spend an average of £69 — five times more than anyone else. Their favourite buys are Mild 7 cigarettes, Rémy Martin Cognac and Johnny Walker Blue Label.



The Japanese counter at Allders, where staff respect customers' need for individual attention

To cope with demand, the Allders International tax and duty-free shop (part of the high-street chain) has a Japanese manager as well as 16 Japanese-speaking staff members.

Although largely self-service, there is an old-fashioned counter for Japanese and Far Eastern customers who expect, and receive, individual attention. Small wonder that "Golden Week" is the name given by the Terminal 4 sales force to the May buying bonanza, when the Japanese traditionally take their holidays.

Opportunity is the key motivator for customers at airports," Mr Gibson says. Who, for instance, would believe that a significant proportion of Mappin & Webb jewellery sales is accounted for by wedding rings bought by businessmen acting on impulse? Staff admit that they become blasé over customers who spend as much as £6,000 without turning a hair. At the other end of the price scale, Swatch has a current winner with a £25 cuddly watch featuring the face of a seal and a synthetic fleecy strap.

Children have to compete with grandmothers for attention at Hamleys. One anxious American matriarch, recently buying for six children, was insistent that her purchases be of equal value. Another paid around £1,000 for a 6ft beefeater bear that stood guard at the shop's entrance, and was fortunate to find space on the aircraft to accommodate her purchase in a seat beside her. Paddington Bears and Beatrix Potter items remain firm favourites, but one-off promotions boost sales of items such as the Bubaloo Bird.

Following the success of a shoe store at the terminal, Bally opened its first outlet devoted to bags and accessories, and sold 20,000 handbags in its first year. Pigskin linings can cause offence, staff found. The most expensive item is a £3,361 crocodile-skin briefcase, and a manager confided that you can sell anything as long as it is not too cheap.

Surprisingly, airport branches are not totally free from the seasonal tyranny that afflicts downtown stores and sees winter fashions monopolise display space in midsummer. Travellers bound for the sun can pick up a tax-free pair of Ray-Ban shades (Wayfarers are £45, compared with £52.90 elsewhere), but might have more difficulty locating lightweight holidaywear.



Clare Allen, who managed a high-street Jaeger store before transferring to Heathrow, describes the problem. "In a way we have followed the retail trend of our city-centre stores, but the longer we are here, the more able we are to adjust stock to public demand."

And, in any case, Jaeger customers are primarily interested in a British product, she says. Their biggest seller for men is a navy blazer (£204.26, compared with £240 elsewhere) and, selling well to women this year, a hot-pink bouclé jacket for £221.28 (£260).

Concorde passengers are not the soaraway spenders one might expect. Often they are businessmen or women in a hurry with nothing but work on their minds. Exceptions are passengers on the once-weekly Barbados flight. "They will often spend up to £5,000," one astonished assistant says.

While liquor, tobacco and perfume will, no doubt, continue to account for more than half of airport sales, a saving of 17.5 per cent VAT on other merchandise makes airport shopping attractive. Customs regulations allow passengers returning to Britain from outside the EU to bring in £136 worth of tax-free items.

To keep track of trends, Heathrow's authorities spend £500,000 a year asking travellers what they think of the operation. "We probably do more market research than MORI," Mr Gibson says. In practice, however, he knows the best form of market research is the contents of the terminal tills at the end of a week's trading.

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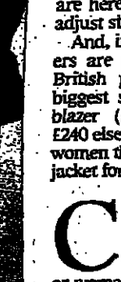
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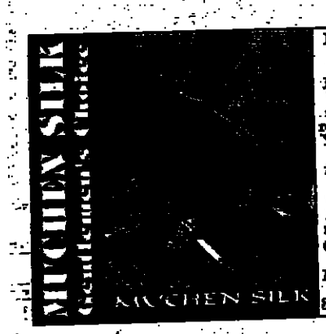


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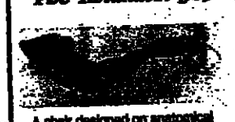


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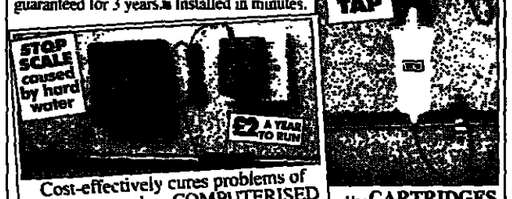
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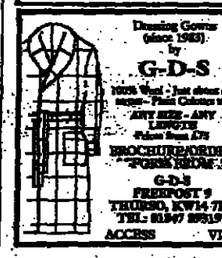
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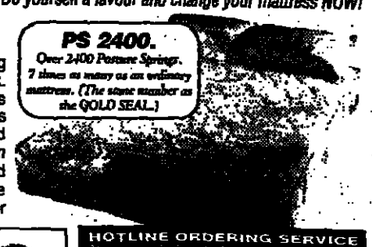
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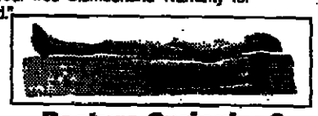
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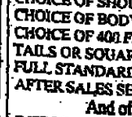
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Left, Master Cam's apprentice prepares ceramics for the kiln. Below, from left, Plain, Spot and Bird Feet vases, £19.50 each

Xác Mộc (preparing the wood) is the first, *and Lau Dầu* (applying a protective coat) is the last, and 17th, of the painstaking stages needed to make a single piece of Vietnamese lacquerware. It is a process which can take up to two months.

The extended Sắc family in Saigon uses these traditional methods, originally brought from China, to produce boxes and trays now available in this country from Trade and Care in east London. It is true that some Far Eastern lacquerware, when relocated to Europe, can be uneasy on the eye with its elaborate and exotic patterns. Not so the basic black and minimalist blocks of colour of these designs.

Lacquer is extracted from the sap of the lacquer tree and has always been used in South-East Asia to protect wood. Until developed as an elaborate art form, it was usually black or Chinese red.

The lacquer paste is rubbed into the hand-carved base made of the wood from the jackfruit tree (which does not crack easily), dried and buffed smooth by hand, layer by layer. Any colour and pattern is added to the final four stages, to produce the familiar hard, high-gloss surface.

Among the products that Trade and Care sells is a single 10cm-wide lacquer box in black, pink, cherry, plum, purple, red or gold. All have black interiors and cost £6.50. A tortoiseshell effect, as well as a crackled surface of bronze, rust and cherry — sold under the disarmingly inundane titles of "black spots on brown" and "multicolour" — are the same price, while the oval box is £8.50. A set of three round boxes (8cm, 10cm and 12cm) in black or various colour combinations is priced at £18.50.

Larger, square boxes in sets of two or three (13cm and 16cm, £18.50; 10cm, 13cm and 16cm, £29.50) are in black or "floral", a damask pattern of flowers that changes with the light, with a black border and sides (£29.50). Although "floral" is a classic Vietnamese design, the geometric effect is strikingly modern.

Capacious round boxes, similar to hat boxes (20cm, £15.50; 30cm, £24.50) and an interlocking, four-drawer rectangular box (19cm x 22cm, £79.50), both black lined in Chinese red, will disguise home or office chaos.

The lacquerware trays are free of embellishment, square or rectangular, and are sold in sets of two or three varying sizes, or singly in black, Chinese red, and floral (55cm x 35cm single, £34.50; set of three, £49.50).

Trade and Care has also combined the black tray with mauve, cherry, plum, turquoise or gold blocks of colour on the base (a set of two square trays, 32cm x 32cm, and 30cm x 30cm, £39.50).

The company is run by Bich Tyler, a Vietnamese whose family had lived in Cambodia for three generations before the upheavals in South-East Asia of the late 1960s and 1970s exiled her to France. She did not return to South-East Asia until 1990. Ms Tyler, who trained as a baker and is married to a Frenchman, has a passion for Vietnamese crafts, which she hopes will begin to replace the *Apocalypse Now* image of Vietnam in Western minds.

She deals directly with the country's craftsmen, and began importing for the wholesale trade at the end of 1994, when trade restrictions with Vietnam were lifted. Her first, small mail-order catalogues will be available in mid-November for lacquerware and ceramics.

The ceramics are the work of three Master Potters from Bat Trang in northern Vietnam, using some designs that date from the 14th century.

Master Cam makes vases, cups, storage jars and teapots with spouts in the shape of mythical animals. They are all in "blue and white", a crackle-glaze stoneware in beige and soft denim blue, decorated with stylised flowers and bamboo. No two pieces are the same: Master Cam is left to pot and paint as the mood takes him and is not tied down to producing a conveyer belt of specific and inspiration-deadening patterns (storage jar 14cm high, 15cm wide, £22.50).

Master Dó works in green and turquoise ceramics, creating simple bowls, some with a raised pattern around the rim (set of three, 11cm, 16cm and 18cms diameter, £19.50).

Vases are the speciality of *Master Loi*. Produced in a brown/grey glaze, they have a classic shape appropriate to all time zones. His Plain Vase, Bird Feet (as though a sparrow had hopped across the glaze), and Spotted Vase are 25cm high, 18cm wide and cost £19.50.

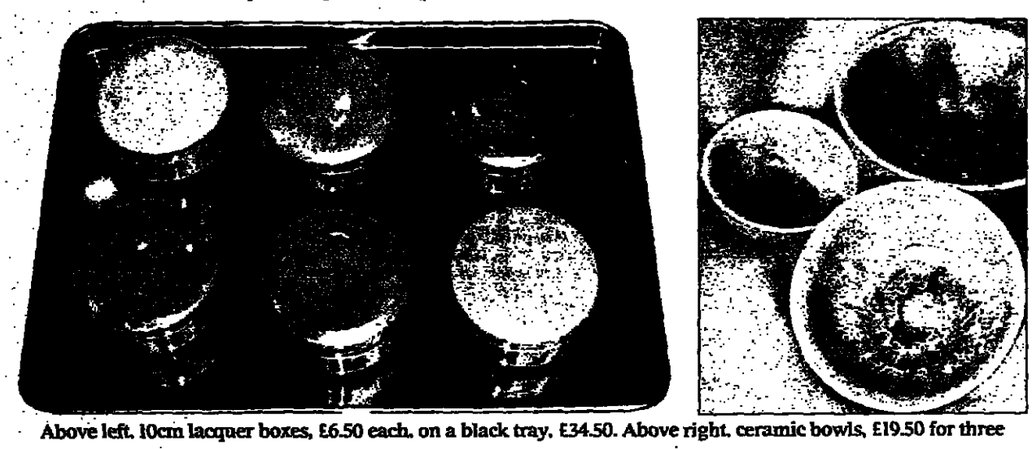
The Trade and Care larger pottery, which is not available by mail order, is stored in an East London warehouse. Converted from a cinema, it previously housed Londoners during the Blitz and, more recently, too many Polish pickles to contemplate. Here, pots from the southern province of Bien Hoa are haphazardly stacked, some still in their packing crates. In aquamarine, sage green, pale blue, cobalt blue, mustard yellow and anything in between, they range from 17cm high and 25cm wide for £10, to 120cm high and 60cm wide for £95.

If terracotta is beginning to pall, then step carefully over and around these dusty giant pots on your pick and mix voyage of exploration to decorate room or garden. Even if you think you are there to choose only one small lacquer box, the chances are you will need a large car with a forgiving suspension to cart away what you cannot leave without.

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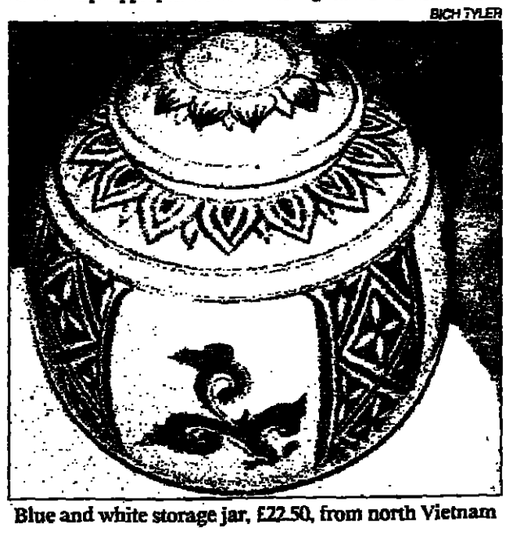
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Above left, Pinh Yuen Sy with aquamarine pots, £115 for a set of four in varying sizes. Above right, a set of three round boxes, £18.50; a set of square "floral" boxes, £29.50. "Multicolour" oval box, £8.50



Above left, 10cm lacquer boxes, £6.50 each, on a black tray, £34.50. Above right, ceramic bowls, £19.50 for three

BICH TYLER



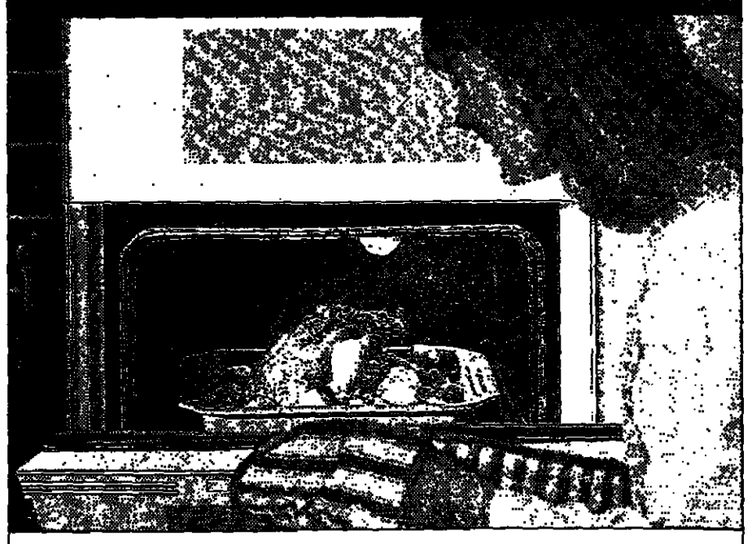
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OPERA

John Higgins

■ **CALLAS**
La Divina complete
EMI 5 65746 2 (limited edition, 4 CDs)★★★
THE TITLE is both accurate and mildly misleading. EMI has put together three CDs, issued from 1992 onwards under the name "La Divina". They were all drawn from previously issued Callas recordings, both full sets and opera recitals, on the company label and fitted with an eye-catching design showing the diva with blood-red lips, dead-white face and raven eyes and eyebrows. The new package looks equally good and, of course, sounds good, even



Callas: perfect articulation and a chilling pessimism

though nobody has bothered to provide texts of the arias.

Those who still need convincing about Callas's art have only to turn to the last three tracks of the second CD. Here is Callas, accompanied by the man who did more than anyone to shape her career, the conductor Tullio Serafin, in Amina's Act I aria from Bellini's *La sonnambula* and part of the Mad Scene from *Lucia di Lammermoor*, the latter taken from the second recording she made of the opera. In between comes Adriana Lecouvreur's *Io son l'umile ancella* from Cilea's opera of the same name, a part she never sang on stage but which shows her absolute mastery of the Italian turn-of-the-century style. Marvellous.

But in no way can the collection be considered the "complete Callas". No room among the 50 tracks is found for *Puritani*, recorded during her "fat" period and the first in a series of memorable associations with La Scala. Nothing from Donizetti's *Anna Bolena*, which she put back on the map at that house, nor from *Macbeth*.

As compensation there is a fourth disc drawn from two radio interviews she gave during the intervals of opera transmissions from the Met in New York, which have not been previously issued here. The interviewer is Edward Downes — not our own Ted Downes but the American broadcaster of the same name. His style may be a bit starstruck and even unctuous, but he gets his subject talking, which must be the main aim of any interviewer. Callas's answers are ever precise and each is given the perfect articulation and shape she would lavish on a Verdi aria. There are surprises: a lack of enthusiasm for *Tosca* in general and for *Vissi d'arte* in particular, which she reckons simply holds up the action.

And there is one chilling moment. Callas, while expressing her determination to grow better and better, admits to pessimism. The recordings date from around Christmas 1967. She had already made what was to be her last stage appearance, as Tosca. And only the ill-fated concert tour with di Stefano was to follow.

ORCHESTRAL

Barry Millington

■ **WAGNER**
Overtures and preludes, etc
London Classical Players/Norrington
EMI CDC 5 55479 2★★★
LAST autumn Roger Norrington and the London Classical Players threw down the gauntlet by presenting four Wagner overtures or preludes not only on period instruments but at brisk tempos that boldly confronted the grand, mystic tradition. The experiment was fascinating but inconclusive, not least because the performances themselves were of uneven quality.

Now Norrington and the LCP have produced a more carefully prepared all-Wagner programme that will surely force a reconsideration of the hallowed tradition of Wagner performance. The most extreme revisionism concerns the *Meistersinger* and *Tristan* preludes. Rarely has a work been more in need of salvation in our own day than *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg*, with its inflated nationalist rhetoric and pernicious anti-Semitic subtext. Norrington's account, coming in, as Wagner himself prescribed, at just over eight minutes (knocking between one and three minutes off many standard performances), dispenses with a good deal of pomp and fustian, projecting a far more wholesome, celebratory view of the Masters and their proceedings. A distinct improvement over the live performance is the execution of the counterpoint, which no longer sounds as rushed.

The *Tristan* Prelude, argues Norrington, should be seen as a slow waltz, in the Berlioz tradition, and its 6/8 time signature be felt as two beats in a bar. This approach looks back at where *Tristan* came from rather than where it led, but it does show the music in an intriguing new light.

Most successful of all is the prelude to *Parsifal*, which is bathed in an iridescent pool of colours, thanks to minimal vibrato in gut strings, and the more individual timbres of period wind and narrow-bore brass. The *Siegfried* Idyll is also beautifully done, while the Overture to *Rienzi* is invested with far more suavity than usual, nicely counterbalancing its inherent vulgarity and making the piece both more congenial and more interesting.

VOCAL

Hilary Finch

■ **HAYDN**
Die Schöpfung
Orchestra of the 18th Century/Brüggen
Philips 446 073-2★★★
LIKE Handel's *Messiah*, Haydn's *The Creation* had several "first" performances, and scholars still argue about the relative claims of a larger or smaller choir, boys or women, more or fewer double-basses. Of course, there is no definitive line-up: my two



Brüggen: flexible and frisky

favourite versions so far have been the totally contrasting recordings from Karajan and from Phillipe Herreweghe.

Now Frans Brüggen and his period instrumentalists have made their contribution to the catalogue, and it is a thoroughly convincing one. The high horn crooks in A remind us of the shock of the new when Haydn wrote of the birth of the world's light, after what at the time was a highly unorthodox representation of Chaos. Both harpsichord and fortepiano are flexibly used; sweet flutes serenade the happy and still innocent human pair; and there are few friskier menageries anywhere on disc.

The Gulbenkian Choir is sprightly in humming the new world, and an equally carefully selected palette of solo voices, including Luba Orgonasova's Gabriel, John Mark Ainsley's Uriel, Joan Rodgers's Eva, and Per Vollestad's Adam make this a true paradise regained.

■ **CHAUSSON**
La Legende de Sainte Cecile/The Tempest
Ensemble Orchestral de Paris/Kantorow
EMI 5 55323 2★★
ERNEST CHAUSSON learnt his English with the poet Mallarmé, and wrote his incidental music for *The Tempest* for the Petit Théâtre des Marionettes in Paris. "Sur le sable d'or" may not have quite the ring of "Come unto these yellow sands", but only the hardest of Francophobe hearts could resist Laurence Dale's Ariel singing with celesta and harp, or François le Roux as Stephano in a tipsy serenade to Meg, Marian, Margery and Kate — to the tune of *Old King Cole*.

Marie-Ange Todorovitch as Juno calls up the masque, and there is many a sound and sweet air, to say nothing of *danses* and *intermèdes*, between these six rare and enchanting songs. A most welcome addition to the catalogue.

POP SINGLE

David Sinclair

■ **LICK**
Filming
Ferocious/WEA
0630-12425★★
THE march of the four-letter Britpop bands continues. Lick have spent the year or so since they got together criss-crossing Britain in their Transit van (they are at the Crypt in Hastings tonight). *Filming* is their second single.

A brisk, guitar-driven slice of punk-inspired pop, it takes a swipe at the kind of celebrity/media gatherings where, according to singer Gary Cosby, "the only qualification of acceptance is the ability to air-kiss and talk crap".

The insurrectionary mood of the lyric — chorus: "Oh to smash their faces in/On their rare Porches" — is undercut by Cosby's well-mannered vocal and the bouncy guitar riff, which sounds as if it belongs in one of Sleeper's songs. And clocking in at just 2.03 minutes, it certainly does not labour its point.

The other songs, *Fireboy* and *Come*, are longer, slower and more ambitious than *Filming*, but lack the impatient vigour of the title track.

POP ALBUM

David Sinclair

■ **PULP**
Different Class
Island 524 165★★
PULP are the great interlopers of the new Britpop hierarchy. About ten years older than most of their rivals, they have consistently shunned the cool musical reference points of the 1990s (Beatles, Stones, Kinks) in favour of a range of influences notable for their quite spectacular naffness. Richard Harris, Serge Gainsbourg, the Boomtown Rats, Gloria Gaynor and Barry Ryan are just some of the more obvious inspirations that have shaped their new album, *Different Class*.

It is nevertheless an entertaining collection of left-field,



Cocker: glorious outsider

kitchen-sink dramas which continues to mine the vein of seedy, English voyeurism exposed by last year's breakthrough LP, *His 'n' Hers*.

Since that album, singer Jarvis Cocker has become a fully fledged pop icon, but here the worldview of his lyrics is more determinedly prosaic and anti-romantic than ever. "My favourite parks are car parks. Grass is something you smoke. Birds are something you shag," he drily notes in *I Spy*, a strangely vindictive narrative shored up, as are many of the tracks, by the rather sickly sound of synthesized strings.

In song after song, the detritus of soiled relationships and the fallout from various sordid encounters piles up: *Underwear*, *Pencil Skirt*, *Live Bed Show*. Even the beautiful kids of the rave generation come in for a share of the needle on the hit single *Sorted For E's And Wizz*, a tale of all-night partying which ends with the memorable parting shot, "I seem to have left an important part of my brain somewhere in a field in Hampshire".

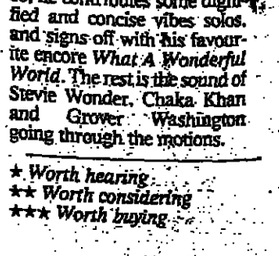
Cocker emerges as a shrewd, if somewhat world-weary commentator, with a playwright's ear for words, while the band supplies a suitably dramatic — at times even epic — musical backdrop. Love it or loathe it, *Different Class* is in a class of its own, and Pulp's reputation as pop's great outsiders remains gloriously intact.

Clive Davis

■ **KATIA LABEQUE**
Little Girl Blue
Disques Dreyfus
FDM 36186-2★★★
WHENEVER that fey pair, the Labèque Sisters, have strayed from the classics and slipped into improvisational mode, the critical reception has been, by and large, less than ecstatic. Katia Labèque's new project, a thoughtfully programmed series of duets with bona fide jazz pianists, including Chick Corea, Herbie Hancock and Michel Camilo, should prompt an immediate reassessment.

Keyboard duets create all manner of difficulties in terms of tonal contrast. Labèque's opening sortie with Corea on Bill Evans's lyrical *We Will Meet Again*, for instance, suffers from a certain lack of clarity as the two voices continually merge and overlap. No such problems arise with the sharply defined Latin rhythms of the three inspired encounters with the Cuban expatriate Gonzalo Rubalcaba, an undoubted virtuoso who normally cannot resist piling high the ornamentation.

This time a new element of restraint enters his playing. The tempo on the standard *Besame Mucho* is so slow that it recalls Glenn Gould at his most mischievous. Yet it works triumphantly, and Rubalcaba's performances on the playful *Prologo Comienzo*



Labèque: tightly structured

and *Quizas Quizas Quizas* prove equally effective.

Two other pieces take a more tightly structured approach. The extended conversation with Herbie Hancock on *My Funny Valentine* makes ingenious use of transcriptions of two of Hancock's previous interpretations of the tune. If Labèque's touch seems a little mannered here, her treatment of another Richard Rodgers melody, *Little Girl Blue*, languidly weaves a path through one of Oscar Peterson's improvisations.

□ **LIONEL HAMPTON**
For the Love of Music
MoJazz 530554-2★
WHILE Dianne Reeves's crystalline vocals enliven *Take the A-Train*, Lionel Hampton's mellow, all-star bid for the junior Motown market never really takes flight. At well over 80, he contributes some dignified and concise vibes solos, and signs off with his favourite encore *What A Wonderful World*. The rest is the sound of Stevie Wonder, Chaka Khan and Grover Washington going through the motions.

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NEW ON VIDEO: Biohazard in California; heroes of the Battle of Britain; all you can take of Tom and Jerry



Infectious fear: Dustin Hoffman stars as the diminutive action man fighting to save mankind, or at least California, from a deadly virus in the eco-thriller *Outbreak*

■ **OUTBREAK**
Warner Home Video, 15, 1995
A VIRUS breaks out of a California laboratory and becomes airborne: when one man coughs in a cinema, you know the whole town is doomed. This is rousing stuff while the disease spreads, tautly directed with dialogue to match ("Looks like we have a Level Four, Sam!"). Trouble starts once the script moves into a conspiracy plot and a preposterous finale. Dustin Hoffman makes a funny kind of action man, but one that is worth watching. Available to rent.

■ **ANGELS ONE FIVE**
Lumiere, PG, 1951
A MORSEL of the Battle of Britain, recollected in tranquillity by filmmakers and actors partly drawn from RAF veterans. The resulting drama never soars to the higher stratosphere, but there is no denying the film's sincerity or nostalgic charge. Jack Hawkins give a pivotal gold-braid performance as the group captain at a Kent fighter station. After this part, Hawkins wrote, he "played enough senior officers to stock the whole Ministry of Defence".

■ **THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA**
CIC, PG, 1943
SINCE Universal had two hearty singers under contract, Nelson Eddy and Susanna Foster, opera arias sometimes outweigh thrills in this classic melodrama. But no other version can boast Claude Rains, resplendent as the disfigured composer of the catacombs. The material has been digitally remastered for this video release, restoring gloss to the Oscar-winning sets and photography.

■ **ONE MILLION YEARS BC**
Warner Beyond Vision, PG, 1966
RAQUEL WELCH models the latest prehistoric fashions in this jolly piece of Hammer silliness, which comes complete with excellent prehistoric monsters from Ray Harryhausen, lots of loincloths, and a script stronger on grunts than words.

■ **THE SMALL BACK ROOM**
Lumiere, PG, 1948
IN THE midst of colour extravaganzas such as *The Red Shoes*, the Powell and Pressburger team buckled down to sober black and white for this excellent version of the Nigel Balchin novel, with the late David Farrar on top form as a bomb-disposal expert nearly overwhelmed by personal problems and a new German booby trap. Intelligent and tense, full of ironic humour and virtuoso scenes, such as Farrar's nightmare with a giant whisky bottle.

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Warner Beyond Vision, 12, 1968
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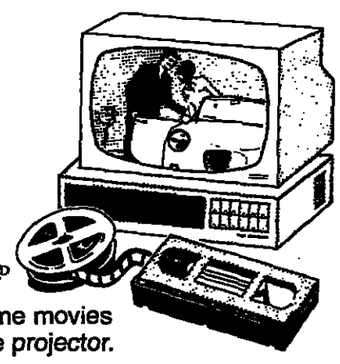
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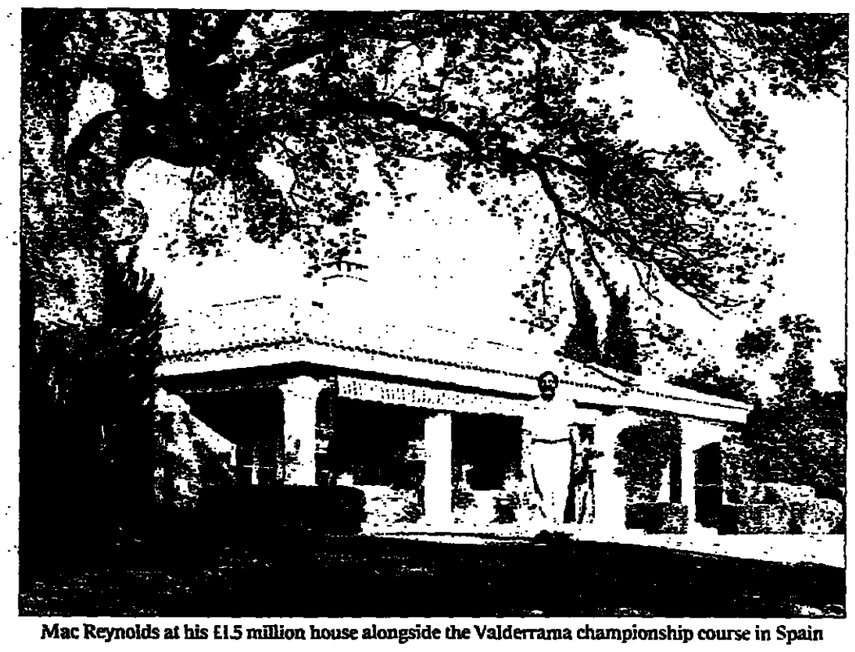
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Eagles at the end of the garden

Cheryl Taylor on living beside a golf course in southern Spain



Mac Reynolds at his £1.5 million house alongside the Valderrama championship course in Spain

Owning a home overlooking a golf fairway is even more pleasurable when the course is one of Europe's finest. Five years ago, Mac Reynolds bought a holiday home alongside the second hole of Valderrama, the 18-hole championship course designed by Robert Trent Jones, on the Sotogrande estate in southern Spain, venue of the 1997 Ryder Cup.

The large house next to the course, where a round of golf costs at least £60, plus £25 for the use of an obligatory trolley, is estimated to be worth about £1.5 million. Designed by Alfonso Zobel and built 20 years ago around a central courtyard, along the lines of a traditional Spanish farmhouse, it has old beams and rustic roof tiles and not one new brick to betray its youth. Many of its five reception rooms and eight bedrooms have spectacular views over the fairways to Gibraltar.

"The house can sleep 16 people, and often does," says Mr Reynolds, who has retired from the family brewing business and is famous for his hospitality when entertaining his golfing friends.

"It may not be the largest house on Sotogrande, but it is considered the nicest," he says. "The gardens are lovely, with ornamental ponds, flowering shrubs and lawns that sweep down to the greens. The course is beautifully kept and, because the house does not have trees in front of it, the impression is that the fairways are part of the garden."

Mr Reynolds took up golf two years ago after a lifetime spent playing polo. He plays every day and, with one of the best courses in Europe on his doorstep and two other championship courses a chip and putt away, including Tony Jacklin's course at San Roque, he is spoilt for choice.

He lives in Spain for about four months of the year, returning to his family home in England — a medieval manor house in Hertfordshire — for the remainder. He makes a point of being in Sotogrande for the big tournaments, such as the Volvo Masters this weekend. The Spanish tournaments are always well-organised, he says: "Bad behaviour on the fairways is not a problem here, even with 12,000 people a day coming for the Volvo Masters. Golf is one of the few sports that maintains good manners."

Mr Reynolds belongs to the Valderrama Golf Club, owned by Jaime Ortiz-Patino, grandson of the Bolivian tin magnate. The club, with its private restaurant and bar, reeks of old money and is strictly for members only, though residents are sometimes invited to join. Members pay an undisclosed annual fee, but are allowed to bring guests at reduced green fees.

There are lots of spin-offs living next to the greens," Mr Reynolds says. "I have a splendid course to play on and the very good restaurant in the clubhouse is five minutes' walk away. It provides all the services of a five-star hotel, including valet service, which means I can get my shoes cleaned and suit pressed while I'm out on the course. Because it is a club, the staff know you and look after you properly."

The disadvantages are minimal. "Even if the course is closed because it is hosting a competition, the management writes to tell you about it long in advance, so that you can put friends off," he adds.

Although Mr Reynolds says he would have to think twice about living on the edge of just any golf course, he has no regrets about buying a home at Valderrama: "I wouldn't dream of living on any other course," he says. "The downside would be to live on a municipal course with huge numbers of people playing every day, and hundreds of balls landing in the garden. It isn't like that here. Valderrama has fewer than 300 members. More than half of them live outside Spain, so the course is often empty and you can play a round without seeing a soul."

SOTOGRANDE PROPERTY GUIDE

The upmarket leisure estate of Sotogrande in southern Spain is in 4,400 acres of grassland, dotted with mimosa-fringed golf courses, 20 minutes' drive from Gibraltar airport.

It began in 1962 as an international sporting complex, designed along American lines, with privately owned detached houses in large gardens on 30 miles of wide, tree-lined roads.

The estate has three golf courses, including two 18-hole championship courses designed by Robert Trent Jones. One of these, Valderrama, is home to the annual Volvo Masters competition and will be the venue of the Ryder Cup in 1997. Another two courses are expected to be completed within two years.

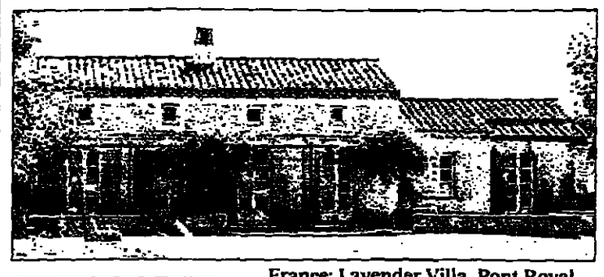
For sports enthusiasts, the resort also offers sailing, windsurfing, tennis, riding and polo, with stabling for about 200 horses and tournaments throughout the season. The estate has its own international school, church, shopping arcades, restaurants, two beach clubs and two hotels. There are already some opulent villas on the Sotogrande estate that would not look out of place in Beverly Hills. More houses are being built in the surrounding hills, many of them with views over the Valderrama course and the Mediterranean. A three-bedroom detached villa here costs from £151,000, plus £10,000 for a private pool. The price includes a share in the Sotogrande Golf Club and family membership of the beach club.

The port of Sotogrande was designed by François Spoerry, who created Port Grimaud in the South of France. In addition to the 550-berth marina, a new inner harbour has been built and flooded. The first phase of the new harbour village includes 47 apartments, designed in traditional Andalusian style, many with an optional berth at the bottom of the garden. Prices start at £85,000 for a two-bedroom apartment; three bedrooms from £117,000.

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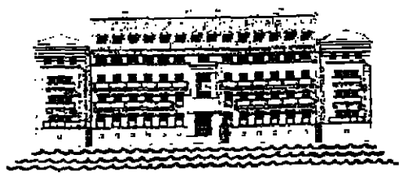
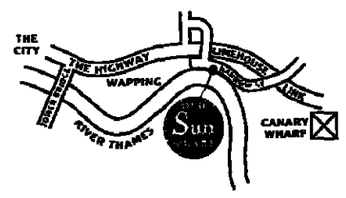
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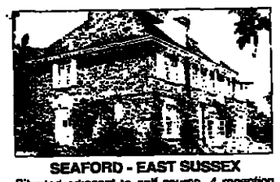
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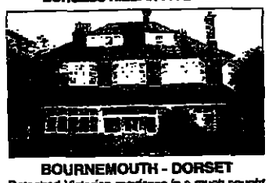
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New life for old cottages

The National Trust for Scotland is renovating and selling small houses of historical interest



Before and after: left, the row of fishermen's houses and old inn at Dysart in Fife before their restoration, above, by the National Trust for Scotland

Mike and Melanie Cassidy picked up a free newspaper at the airport and spotted a house coming on to the market at Dalkeith, near Edinburgh.

Brewlands Lodge, a category A listed, 19th-century castellated lodge in the final stages of restoration by the National Trust for Scotland, was being sold by the Trust's Little Houses Improvement Scheme (LHIS).

"We weren't seriously considering moving," Mrs Cassidy says, "but when we saw the house, we knew we had to buy it. We wouldn't see a place like this again for a long time."

Now happily settled in the property for which they paid more than the £90,000 asking price, the couple see themselves as beneficiaries of a scheme which has bought, restored and then sold more than 200 small properties of architectural and historical interest in Scotland over the last 35 years. Most date from the 18th and 19th centuries. Restoration costs so far are estimated at around £12 million.

Unknown in England and Wales, the LHIS was set up to save fine examples of vernacular architecture which might otherwise have remained in poor condition, fallen down or been demolished. Because most of the buildings are listed, restoration generally attracts grant aid from Historic Scotland — responsible for listing, grants and the maintenance of 330 historic sites in Scotland — enterprise companies and local authorities. The scheme is less concerned with grand houses than with properties which belonged to fishermen, artisans, merchants and shipmasters, says Judith Anderson of the LHIS.

Over the years, this has included pantile houses with "crow step" gables in Fife; formerly thatched, white-washed Highland cottages; and granite cottages with shallow pitched slate roofs in southwest Scotland.

Suggestions for restoration come from local planning authorities, members and staff of the Trust, Historic Scotland and the public, but certain criteria still govern the decisions to take on a property: its historic and architectural merit, whether or not it is vacant, the market price, the estimated cost of restoration and its chances of selling.

Brewlands Lodge fitted the bill perfectly. This landmark in the town had not been lived in for many years. The property was bought from Lothian Estates, and the National Trust for Scotland spent £115,000 and one year restoring its tower and adding an extension.

The tower now has a fitted kitchen and two bedrooms, while the rest of the building houses a bathroom, utility room, dining hall, living room and third bedroom. The property was replumbed, rewired, and central heating was installed.

A few miles away, 1 Mid Terrace in South Queensferry, a merchant's house built in 1753 with a cellar, three floors, walled garden and views across the Firth of Forth, is receiving the same treatment. The house, uninhabited for more than 30 years, comes on to the market in November. It has a kitchen, utility room, dining room, family room, two sitting rooms, three bedrooms and two bathrooms. All first-floor rooms have 18th-century wood panelling, which has been taken out in sections, cleaned and repaired. The back wall has been covered in lime rendering, which is in keeping with the Trust's policy of using traditional methods of craftsmanship.

The purchase of the property and the subsequent painstaking restoration is costing a little more than £300,000, although there are grants from Historic Scotland (£70,000), Edinburgh District Council, and Lothian and Edinburgh Enterprise. The Trust is hoping for offers of more than £180,000, which will mean that it does little more than break even. Nevertheless, the cost is justified by the cultural importance of the building and its interior.

"It's difficult to conceive of a private buyer taking such pains over the preservation of the historic fabric here, but the Trust wanted to have this house as close to the original as possible. Somebody will be getting a bargain," Ms Anderson says.

Before the LHIS started in 1960, a number of 17th and 18th-century properties had been restored by the Trust in Culross, Fife, and Dunkeld in Perthshire. At the time they were rented — they are still owned by the Trust — but because insufficient money was generated for the purchase of more properties, the Trust came up with the concept of a "revolving fund" requiring the sale of restored houses.

Proceeds from sales are ploughed back into the revolving fund, and capital is set aside to finance restorations under the scheme. Over 35 years the LHIS has grown from £20,000 to £1.2 million.

Part of the capital then goes towards the next project. Joint revolving funds have also been set up with five local authorities, who have entered into partnership with the LHIS to promote projects. There is also a fund with a private charitable trust to restore places for sheltered housing.

Two years ago, the scheme's most expensive project, the £2 million restoration and conversion of Tollcroff Mansion House into 13 flats for the elderly, was completed in Glasgow. The building was bought from the City Council for a mere £1, and Shettleston Housing Association in Glasgow later paid about £500,000 for it and now own it.

Another property, a category A listed friary lying empty in Glasgow's Gorbals, is currently being studied with a view to buying, restoring and then selling it to provide flats for the elderly.

Guaranteeing the future preservation of all these properties are conservation agreements, which buyers must adhere to and which are then binding on future purchasers. They stipulate regular maintenance and forbid alteration to the internal and external fabric of the building, or a change of use without the Trust's permission.

Although the scheme's favoured route is to purchase, restore and then sell houses, some owners still buy unrestored houses from the Trust and do them up themselves. This process, however, is becoming increasingly rare and is not encouraged.

One of the Trust's first projects was the restoration of a row of fishermen's houses and an old inn, together with the building of five houses at Dysart near Kirkcaldy in Fife. Fife has a considerable number of LHIS projects, but properties are being restored across Scotland.

Myrtle Cottage, a newly thatched property consisting of two 18th-century cottages converted into one, at Yetholm in the Borders, is expected to be sold in November for between £80,000 and £90,000. Like all LHIS properties, it will be advertised in the local newspapers and, if the timing is right, in the Trust's own quarterly publication, Heritage Scotland.

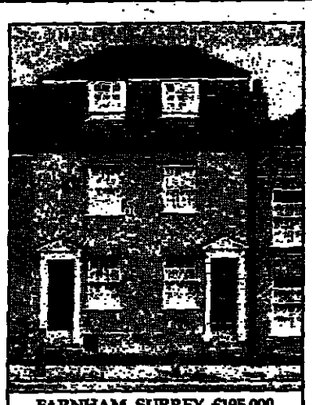
And, like all properties, Myrtle Cottage will have a plaque fixed to the outside of the building announcing: "Restored by the National Trust for Scotland Little Houses Improvement Scheme." Fixing the plaque is the last job before a sale.

CHRISTIAN DYMOND

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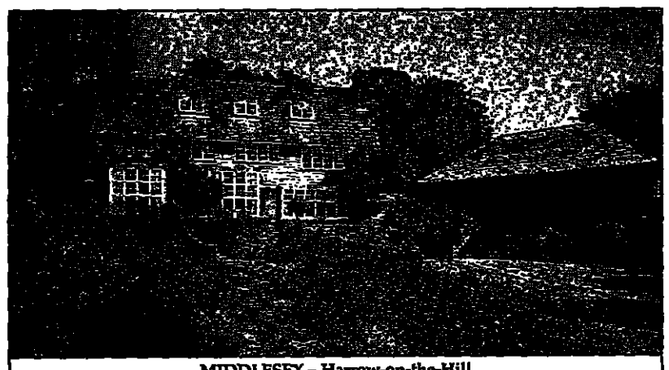


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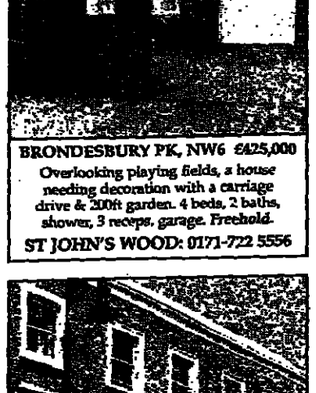
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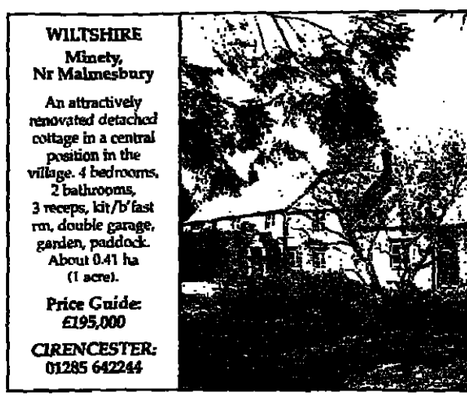
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The lack of a comic novel on the Booker shortlist shows that, despite the eulogies, Kingsley Amis left little of lasting influence on English letters

Kingsley's empty throne of comedy



DANIEL JOHNSON

All the late Sir Kingsley Amis's tributes and obituaries agreed on one thing: reactionary and misanthropic old cove though he may have become, he was the undisputed king of the comic novel. Now that he is safely dead, and pigeonholed with Wodehouse and Waugh, the voice of the turtle may be heard in the land — with a respect he never received or expected in life. How he would have enjoyed sending up his less sincere eulogists, some of whom are pretenders to his satirical throne.

But the shortlist for this year's Booker Prize, from which the winner will emerge on November 7, suggests that, for all the fulsome homage to Amis from the literary establishment, he bequeaths very little tangible influence on English literature. There are no comic novels on this list at all: nor has such a novel won since . . . *The Old Devils* in 1986. It is no accident that the writer who most obviously draws on the very English, mordantly satirical yet richly whimsical vein of Amis and his friend Philip Larkin is his son Martin Amis — who was, of course, excluded from this shortlist. George Walden, the chairman, tried hard to persuade his fellow judges to give Martin's *The Information* the empty sixth place on the list, but he met implacable opposition from Adam Mars-Jones and Peter Kemp, whose destructive analysis of the novel was decisive.

Of those that were chosen, only Salman Rushdie's *The Moor's Last Sigh* raises a smile here and there with his enviable gift for absurdist parody. Rushdie's chief concern in this overflowing cornucopia of a novel is, however, deadly serious. When his narrator discourses on the tyranny of fear, we cannot help remembering (nor are we meant to) just who is writing these words:

"By embracing the inescapable, I lost my fear of it. I'll tell you a secret about fear: it's an absolutist. With fear, it's all or nothing. Either, like any bullying tyrant, it rules your life with a stupid blinding omnipotence, or else you overthrow it, and its power vanishes in a puff of smoke. And another secret: the revolution against fear, the engendering of the tawdry despot's fall, has more or less nothing to do with 'courage'. It is driven by something much more straightforward: the simple need to get on with your life."

Even from this brief passage, it is clear that one is dealing here with rhetoric: persuasive, eloquent and moving, no doubt, but rhetoric nonetheless. The point about Amis (and with him a long tradition of pessimistic satire which goes back to Swift) is his aversion to rhetoric in any form — the nobler in sentiment, the more he suspected insincerity.

Rushdie is perhaps the outstanding representative in our time of a very different literary tendency: that of Shaw, Wells and Orwell, all of whom shared a fundamentally optimistic faith in humanity. Rushdie's narrator can overcome his fear, because that for which he stands is, in this fictional universe, more durable than that which threatens it. The very opposite is true of Amis: for him, the evident transience of all that he admired and held dear was the measure of its value.

In the absence of such heavyweights as Martin Amis and Kazuo Ishiguro (whose difficult, controversial but extraordinary novel *The Unconsoled* was dismissed by the Booker panel after one judge called it "boring"), *The Moor's Last Sigh* is, in my opinion, the best novel on this year's list. However, I am not sure that it ought to win.

There is no rule against anybody winning the Booker twice (perhaps there should be); another former winner, Barry Unsworth, is on the list too. But Rushdie has not only won the Booker for *Midnight's Children*; he also won the "Booker of Bookers" in 1993. He is a strong advocate of grants for young writers, such as the one that enabled him to make his breakthrough. If he wins, it would be a splendid gesture for Rushdie to give half or even all of the £20,000 prize-money to a younger novelist of his choice. Despite the *fatwa*, few writers are better informed about their peers.

This autumn the collapse of the Net Book Agreement has prompted some in the book trade to grumble that the Booker has outlived its usefulness. The Tuesday after next will be the last occasion on which Sir Michael Caine, the former chairman of Booker plc, will present the prize he founded 27 years ago. It is time for the administrators to take stock. The Booker has been the butt of jokes over the years. But it has also become an institution. We still need it.

Wainwright, hero to generations of Lakeland walkers, also had a dark side, says **Melvyn Bragg**

Friend and fiend of the fell

■ WAINWRIGHT, THE BIOGRAPHY
By Hunter Davies
Michael Joseph, £16.99

EVERYONE who has read Wainwright or walked in his footsteps will want this book. They will be in for a satisfying disclosure of the step along the way which turned a lonely Blackburn clerk into a singular artist. What might satisfy less is the equally thorough revelation of his meanness, even his cruelty, as a husband, a father, and a friend.

His own father was a violent drunk — Wainwright himself scarcely ever drank. His mother, on very meagre pickings, kept the family together with the help of her faith. Wainwright looked for most of his life for a Dream Woman. His early marriage to Ruth Holden was spent, on his part, in a sullen silence, in hers, until the divorce, in a wholly accommodating anxiety. He kept her short of money and forbade her any social life.

His work as a clerk in Blackburn and later in Kendal brought him considerable contentment in the ordering of figures and the neatness of ledgers. Outside the office he was profoundly isolated and preferred it that way. Inside he was the producer of little magazines, jokes, and caricatures with an ever open eye for "plump juicy specimens".

His addiction to maps and the doggedness with which he taught himself to draw began early and, when, aged 45, he set out to climb every one of Lakeland's 214 fells, writing and illustrating the walks in his own way, and publishing the results on his own terms, he was deeply prepared.

The story of that obsession with the Lake District is well recorded by Wainwright and well told by Davies. Wainwright's second obsession — with his Dream Woman — produces the most remarkable love revelations.

PETER DUNNE



Alfred Wainwright on Scout Scar in 1984 — his guides became "the book of common prayer of the walking man"

In those little books he entered the rucksacks of so many of those who loved the fells as he did, Wainwright became the book of common prayer of the walking man. The little we heard of him — his dislike of young bulls, his overall gritty grumpiness — adds up to a sort of Father Christmas of the uplands, endearing in a particularly Northern way. As he was.

But he was also someone darker. A man driven on those endless walks to exhaust the pressure of unfulfilled sex. A man prepared to let nobody interfere with his master plan. He left the publisher who had sweated him into print and secured his popularity because he got a better offer. Though he loved his son Peter as a young companion, he let him drift, and in his will left him nothing, although he knew that Peter was crippled with arthritis and had very little material support.

In the end he found his Dream Woman. Along the way he wrote books of great rarity, giving pleasure at first to scores and then to millions. Davies's excellent biography captures the light and shade, and Wainwright emerges as someone whose obsession, while it gave his readers joy, was grounded in the pain of others.

Hard news in the Garden

Helen Stevenson ponders the ethical questions posed by a love story set in the new world disorder

■ EVELESS EDEN
By Marianne Wiggins
Flamingo, £12.99

THE NARRATOR of *Eveless Eden*, a reporter for *The New York Times*, remarks early on in the novel that the Collapse of News occurred during the Gulf War. Desert Storm witnessed "an exodus of print journalists into the promised land of television". Suddenly the emphasis from faith in words switched to faith in pictures, and we embraced the idea that the camera never lies, but language does.

This observation sets the tone for a memorable and intelligent love story, a thriller set in the world of rapid political change between 1986 and 1991, seen through the eyes of a journalist. Noah John is truly a man of his time. While faithfully wedded to the word, he finds himself unable to perform. Carpal tunnel syndrome has wrecked his fingers, and with them his ability to type. "First I lost my girl and then I lost the way to do my job."

Noah (a writer) and Lilith (a photographer) meet in Cameroon in 1986, on the occasion of the explosion of a lake. The low point of their affair, the Fall, occurs in Berlin in November 1989. There is a certain pleasure in the allegorical insistence, even if it is at times overdone. They are all here — Lilith, Eve, Noah and Adam — in a world in which we hoped that a new, democratic order might be created out of chaos.

There is, of course, no easier trick than for the omnipotent novelist to demonstrate that life imitates art. It is not really enough to endow your heroine with an obsession with *Tosca* and then scoop in the irony chips when it turns out she has an alarming tendency to have affairs with people such as the Romanian minister for trade (Adam Pentru), to betray her lover, the principles of her art and, well, you can maybe guess the rest. Nevertheless it does add weight to a novel



Wiggins: not to be eclipsed

which is so exciting that some ballast is required if you are not to skim it in your haste to learn the outcome.

Eveless Eden may be read simply as a love story and, as love stories go, it is quite a heart squeezer. But it is also full of beefy ethical questioning, personal and political, which is why the use of contemporary history as an allegorical framework works so brilliantly. The final chapters are written in a heart-breakingly speculative present tense, which ensures we can never be sure whether what we would like to have happened in the end really did.

Journalists are better placed than the rest of us to recall and evoke the extraordinariness of a particular period in world history. At the same time, journalism carries in its very etymology the seeds of its own daily extinction, and is therefore a wonderfully ironic subject for the novel. It is not for nothing that Wiggins opens with the image of a butterfly. A butterfly, like a newspaper, lives only for a day. The butterfly image is given a brilliant reprise when Noah encounters a human butterfly in a lift, a man hidden behind an outspread newspaper, whom he recognises as "the most sought-after and notorious author of the later part of the 20th century". To transform her celebrity former husband-in-hiding, Salman Rushdie, a high priest of non-disposable print, into a butterfly, a one-day wonder — is this sympathy or rancour?

Wiggins quotes, on page two, the warning, displayed near French railway lines: "Caution — one train may hide another." Maybe there is an irony here. Maybe one novelist may hide another, one reputation, one talent eclipse another. Wiggins has always found greater success as a novelist in America than in Britain. *Eveless Eden* should surely redress this imbalance.

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Blood will tell

TIM WILLOCKS is an extraordinary character. His lank-haired wan image stares out yellow-tinted from the back of the dust jacket like a male Kate Moss after an attack of jaundice. Which might be a metaphor for his writing style. Cape calls it "Gothic", which is something of an understatement.

His prose is deeply in love with itself. It leaps, sings, turns triple somersaults, and then applauds its own expertise. Telling us that a surgeon had spent thousands of hours "incarnadined to the elbows" is preposterous obscurantism. But *Bloodstained Kings* is "incarnadine" up to its neck and then some: an over-the-top orgy of violence and overwriting. It is also, I am afraid, extremely enjoyable.

■ BLOODSTAINED KINGS
By Tim Willocks
Jonathan Cape, £14.99

The central figure is a grotesque in the most sinister of neo-Gothic traditions: an obese lawman in the southern states of America who has become a cynical law unto himself and appears to be dispensing brutal justice from beyond the grave. His puppets are a depressive city doctor and his gung-ho union-boss father with a mission to put the world to rights. But the central figure is a sexy middle-aged multi-millionairess who has kept her supposedly deceased husband as a drugged prisoner in a cage for 13 years, and still ends up on the side of the angels.

The key to all this intrigue is a young half-caste singer called Ella MacDaniels, who is happily strutting her stuff in a nightclub when the tidal wave of violence unleashed by the fat man's legacy breaks over her. The next 48 hours are a frenetic helter-skelter of bloodletting and mutilation.

This is *Dallas* meets *Apocalypse Now*, Joseph Conrad's *Heart of Darkness* reworked for the 1990s by Stephen King: spectacular, gruesome, preposterous, self-obsessed, self-strangulating, incarnadine even. Riveting.

PETER MILLAR

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Pets' corner

TO ATONE for Provençal excess and *Wicked Willie*, Peter Mayle offers a memoir by his dog, Boy, which begins in wild-haired orphanhood and moves with such pace that by page four Boy remarks upon a "soft spot for Proust. He tends to go on a bit for my taste, but we have several characteristics in common. Both French, of course. Both keen admirers of the biscuit."

Boy is not one to lie abed and listen to string quartets. Out and about, he is sometimes a canine Wallace Arnold, with many a leery word for plumbers, lawyers and cats: the latter, religious objects to the Egyptians, are in fact "an antisocial fur ball with delusions of superiority". A feeling apparently shared by illustrator Edward Koren. He supplies abundant dogs, humans, chickens but no cats.

The title and cover of Lynne Truss's *Making the Cat Laugh* will allure cat-owners, but these columns, from this newspaper and others, are not confined to her 'pets' charm and mendacity. Men are as wayward. None of her acquaintance, however, appears as troubled, and troubling, as Norman Mailer, whose services she was deputed to secure for a paltry sum by the editor of *The Listener*. His Manhattan agent promptly told her that if he writes for less than $50,000, alimony lawyers agitate.

■ A DOG'S LIFE
By Peter Mayle
Hamilton, £7.99

■ MAKING THE CAT LAUGH
By Lynne Truss
Hamilton, £10.99

The exchange, like much of the collection, is a small masterpiece of comedy. Hers is a single life but not that of a loner. When vexed, she never rages. With abundant close observation, the familiar is made fresh — from cats that prefer to sit beneath, rather than on, those furry, radiator-clinging beds to authors' jacket photographs "where all the personality and humour has been pulled out in strings through their nostrils".

Her own features a cat, owner out of focus in the background. A continual hoot, the book also persuades us that humans, at their best, are cat-like: essentially solitary, sometimes gregarious. Even so, Truss's book will surely prompt a line of suitors.

CHRISTOPHER HAWTREE

When you belong to Daddy

Frances Fyfield is deeply moved by the unsentimental memoir of an only child ministering to the dying ruin of her beloved father

THE dying of a parent is an underrated tragedy, reviewed here by a poet in a poetic, freeze-frame style so visual that it may seem both self-conscious and at odds with the harshness of the experience. It works because the powerful vignettes parallel the paralysed moments of the present with memories as bright and sweet as childish fruit gums.

"When people asked me which of my parents I preferred, I always said my father." This refrain, repeated occasionally throughout a moving, although never sentimental, memoir, coincides with moments in a loosely connected narrative where the father, now old, weepy, shuffling and forgetful, is driving his only child into a state of premature dementia. Oh, for an easeful death, instead of which it is the daughter who exists in an almost hallucinatory state of grief and irritation.

Father is widowed, inconsolable; she ferries him about in his own car, first to and from his house, then his nursing home, herself frantically practical, even when beset with images of the days when he was behind the wheel and centre of the universe, instead of the diminished, sometimes selfish creature he is now. Daughter is not always quite herself; she is haunted by her mother; their two personas merge; daughter has dreams of death and violence; she has finally lost her innocence.

Mother, to her husband's delight, was soft and big-bosomed, born for the business of caring, creating with thrift a home full of stimulating, never stultifying, warmth. She washed out polythene bags, made lists on pieces of cardboard, never shouting, ever curious. Father was a small body, loyal to his bones, dab hand with a kite, part-time musician in a dance band, bringing back mementoes of the evening for his child, along with constant surprises, stories, jokes. One birthday card to his wife was recycled every year, a constant token of love. "Did you see Eric's?" she would say, half affectionate and half amused, giving it pride of place. Father was the rock, mother the foundation.

The adult child sees in hindsight who was the stronger, but there are no shameful conclusions for a pair who created such intensely interesting tranquillity. Dysfunctional parents are the common stuff of fiction: this slim volume is a celebration of the opposite, and the aftertaste is the privilege of knowing them. What an absolutely marvellous man was this father; how generous his wife; and how proud this daughter will be at the end of this rite of passage.

■ DRIVING MY FATHER
By Susan Wicks
Faber & Faber, £9.99



Malcolm: accepting the difficulty of biographical truth

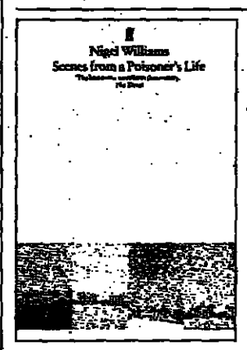
■ THE SILENT WOMAN: Ted Hughes and Sylvia Plath
By Janet Malcolm
Papermac, £9

IN THIS curious and interesting book the American journalist Janet Malcolm explores the contradictions inherent in the writing of biography. Described as a "reasoned meditation", it is both a deconstructed biography and a fascinating piece of investigative journalism.

The case Malcolm investigates is that of the poet Sylvia Plath, whose suicide produced a torrent of biographies and memoirs, most of which met with strong opposition from Plath's husband Ted Hughes and his sister Olwyn. Through a series of interviews with those who knew and those who have written about Plath, Malcolm explores different "versions" of the Silent Woman of the title, who can no longer do or say anything to change the attitudes into which she has been frozen.

She contrasts the memoirs of various friends and acquaintances, from Dido Merwin's aggrieved outpouring to Elizabeth Sigmund's loyal and flattering portrait, developing a theme that, since in biography there can be no "unmediated" truth, the "balanced" biography is impossible.

Her own portraits of the people she meets, despite her apparently moderate tone, are often real killers — which is what, rather than any theorising, makes this book such an uncomfortably gripping read.



■ SCENES FROM A POISONER'S LIFE
By Nigel Williams
Faber, £5.99

TWELVE linked stories survey a year in one of Wimbledon's smarter streets through the eyes of solicitor Henry Farr and his grotesque wife and daughter. In January Henry looks back on his bungled attempt to poison his wife and resolves to try to avoid killing anyone else. In February he falls in love with the girl in the newsagent. March brings forth a sudden outbreak of racist graffiti and Halloween provokes the street's very own serial killer. Meanwhile Henry and his family continue to struggle gamely to patch up the holes in their relationship. A blackly hilarious caricature of the dark side of suburbia.

■ THE THOUGHT GANG
By Tibor Fischer
Minerva, £6.99

CAUGHT *in flagrante* in his Cambridge rooms Eddie Coffin, a dissolute philosophy professor, flees to France to avoid the ensuing scandal. Here he encounters Hubert, a one-armed bandit. Short of cash, they form an alliance robbing banks and discoursing on the nature of personal freedom. The idea is fun, but Fischer gets bogged down in his learned digressions. A disappointing follow-up to his Booker shortlisted novel, *Under the Frog*.

■ IT ALL ADDS UP
By Saul Bellow
Penguin, £6.99

ALTHOUGH a panel of British writers voted Bellow the world's greatest living novelist last year, his dense tales of Jewish urban life are not as widely known in this country as they might be. He is a writer's writer, admired for his language which combines street vernacular with high mandarin, and these essays provide a useful introduction to his work. The true role of art, he says, is to reveal aesthetic bliss: its enemy is distraction. His attack on the "moronic inferno" of the American media and the information overload of modern life is blistering.

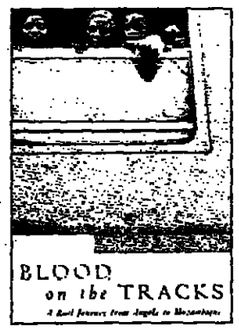
■ ROLAND BARTHES
By Roland Barthes
Papermac, £10

ROLAND BARTHES, one of the most important intellectual figures in 20th-century France here turns his formidable analytical skills in cultural analysis upon himself and his own life. Barthes takes the respectable bourgeois members of his childhood (he died in 1980 at the age of 65), his own work, his body and his passions and then theoretically, fascinatingly, unwraps them. A grainy photograph, for example, of a solemn Edwardian child is given a single line that sums up a whole generation of expectations: "The father's sister: she was alone all her life". There can be no better introduction to Barthes than to read him on the subject of himself.



■ THE CONSTANT MISTRESS
By Angela Lambert
Penguin, £5.99

LAURA KING is 44, a rich and successful freelance interpreter, when she suddenly discovers she has a liver disease and that she will die within a year. Summoning her former lovers to dinner she asks each of them to look after her for a month. As she goes from lecturer Mick and sadistic Conrad to banker Edouard and ex-hippie Joe, never able to last the full month, she has a chance to look back at her own life and see what she might have become. She is haunted, as she decays, by the one dreadful secret that convinces her she deserves to die. A sharply observed and thought-provoking novel.



■ BLOOD ON THE TRACKS: A Rail Journey from Angola to Mozambique
By Miles Bredin
Picador, £6.99

ACCOMPANIED by the photographer Harriet Logan, Bredin arrived in Angola in the autumn of 1992, quickly becoming caught up in the country's perpetual civil war. Confined to his hotel room, he watched from his window as rival troops rampaged and murdered. From there, he moved on to Zaire, and then into Zambia, Namibia, Zimbabwe and finally Mozambique. With its potted histories of troubled nations and its rage at the way "the west has crippled Africa" with debt, this is a fine introduction to the complexities of the "frontline" states.

Contributors: Hazel Leslie, Fiona Hook, Jake Michie, Lucy Lethbridge, Jason Cowley

Scholarly outing of the ordinary

■ THE WAY WE ARE
By Margaret Visser
Viking, £14

HOW many of us think of Father Christmas — Santa Claus, in Margaret Visser's North American parlance — as "a fertility figure, and grossly phallic"? Or know that knitting existed as far back as the 7th century, the Egyptians being wont to produce "Coptic socks"?

Anyone familiar with Visser's work will immediately recognise her stamp. *The Way We Are*, like *Much Depends on Dinner* and *The Rituals of Dinner*, sets out to make the ordinary extraordinary by enticing the reader to take a hard second look at objects and customs we all take for granted. In this way she hopes "to bring not them but ourselves, the users, more sharply into focus".

The book is a collection of brief but incisive essays on anything from baked beans to beards, from synaesthesia to stockings. Visser is a fine historian as well as a social analyst: she knows it is not enough to draw attention to the risqué implications of a fat man sliding down a narrow chimney; she provides the background to make her argument convincing.

She writes with a wry humour, and very rarely slips into the ghastly socio-speak that calls a menu "a semiotic construct . . . It enculturates a meal by drawing attention to the inherent ranking and order of the proceedings".

Part of the pleasure of these essays is their very brevity: Visser understands that there is only so much one wants to know about swimsuits, high heels, mahogany or avocados, no matter how fascinating a writer is able to make them. But should you wish to know more, she has thoughtfully provided a bibliography for each essay, and some of these are marvellous in their own right. What a joy to know that one can acquire, from the Princeton Architectural Press, Lupton and Miller's monograph *The Bathroom, the Kitchen and the Aesthetics of Waste: A Process of Elimination* (1992).

Visser's range of knowledge is vast, and her scholarship — as befits an accomplished Classicist — sublime. These essays are fine sweetmeats to accompany the larger banquet of her books, and can be read with the same wonder felt by a group of 14th-century physicians who dissected the corpse of an unloving woman: "they founde a foule orible tode within her body, that grapped her herte with her pawes, whereof they were hougely amervailed".

ERICA WAGNER

FRANK SPOONER


Marching to the killing fields: implacable determination on the faces of the Khmer Rouge

Poisoned by love and war

Jon Swain was marked for ever by Indo-China, says **Michael Binyon**

AT THE start of this magnificent memoir of his five years in Indo-China, Jon Swain asks why he is recalling the terrifying implosion of the ancient, ordered societies he loved in Cambodia and Vietnam now, when history is already bleaching the genocide of the Khmer Rouge along with their victims' skulls, and the chaotic collapse of the American-backed regime in South Vietnam is already the stuff of a dozen films.

It is not nostalgia for a peaceful society: these former French colonies were always "a place of despotism, primitive destructiveness and suffering", he says. Nor is it indulgence in memories of the most agonising and exhilarating time of his life. No, the compelling force and poignancy of this book lies in its clarity and perspective. We know, from history, how it all ended in tears — more tears than he, as a young man, ever shed, or we, remembering from afar, also find in his stark prose.

Swain saw a terrible carnage around him: the mauled victims of a random explosion in a cinema, the death of Private Nu, a young, smiling standard-bearer randomly cut down by Vietcong fire, Cambodia's best surgeon rummaging in the entrails of a wounded soldier to pull out the tail-fin of a mortar. But he also saw beauty: in the mighty Mekong, as he ran the gauntlet of Khmer Rouge guns on an old rust-bucket bringing rice to the besieged city; in the fading, colonial architecture; in the doe-eyed suffering of the peasants; and, above all, in Jacqueline, the half-Vietnamese woman whose passionate love transformed his life.

There should be anger in his book: at the stupidity of the military machines, the hate-filled black-clad Khmer Rouge teenagers, the blindness of the rich dining on French cuisine as the besiegers closed in. There are flashes of judgment: of the Americans, who courted and jilted Vietnam, of fellow journalists who were just "privileged passengers in transit through Cambodia's landscape of hell". But mostly there is only pity for the women forced to give away their babies — vainly — in the hope of saving them, and guilt that he could do nothing.

Swain was mad to seek such suffering, to listen to the awful stories of rape and cannibalism among the Vietnamese boat people, to fly back to Phnom Penh on the last flight, still absurdly serving champagne even as the plane lurched through gunfire. He recalls such daredevil scoops in wistful humility. He was himself about to be executed when Phnom Penh fell, and it was his testimony that helped make *The Killing Fields*. His book is a damning indictment and a triumphant witness. Brief, wrenching, it is surely the freshest and most sensitive account of those times. It also explains why the corrosive and beautiful poison of Indo-China has never left his veins.

■ RIVER OF TIME
By Jon Swain
Heinemann, £16.99

Madam Speaker's slow rise to prominence is a lesson in perseverance, says **Gerald Kaufman**

Betty finds the Commons touch

IF BETTY BOOTHROYD had persevered with the stage career that she started with a teenage group called the Swing Stars, she would have been ideally cast as Carlotta Campion in Sondheim's *Follies*, who sings: "Good times and bum times, I've seen them all and, my dear, I'm still here."

Betty, like Carlotta, is a great survivor, a woman who had endured numerous career setbacks before, in her sixty-third year, she finally achieved her political nirvana by becoming the first woman Speaker of the House of Commons. A neighbour in the row of back-to-back houses in Dewsbury, Yorkshire, where she was born, used to wash her hair with Fairy soap, promising, "Come on, Betty, I will make you a fairy".

A fairy appears customarily in the twinkling of an eye. Everything Boothroyd achieved — or failed to achieve — took a good deal longer than that, as Paul Routledge illustrates in this readable (if occasionally factually inaccurate) biography. That stage career of hers did not work out; after a frustrating period in a drab women's hostel in London, she returned to Dewsbury complaining of a bad leg.

Political success — though it did arrive eventually — was very slow in coming. Boothroyd, defeated as a candidate for Dewsbury council, went on to four more defeats in parliamentary elections before reaching the Commons. Though she first stood for Parliament at the age of 28, she did not get there until she was 43. She went on to suffer several further defeats before eventually winning a place on the Labour Party's national executive committee.

Moreover, Routledge shows, not only did Boothroyd not rise to prominence as if on fairy wings; when she obtained positions of authority, she did not behave like Titania, either. As a Labour MP, she held that rare (and ruthless) position for a woman, a party whip. On the national executive, she was a hatchet-woman of Labour's right wing, wielding a nifty axe to decapitate Militants and other miscreants.

Even though, as the candidate (unsuccessful, of course) for Peterborough, she won local notoriety for wearing see-through nighties, and although *Elle* magazine reminisced that as a young woman she "oozed sex", it is not for the softer feminine qualities that Boothroyd has acquired her formidable reputation as Speaker. Routledge reports that her manner in the chair has been likened to that of a barmaid or even a fishwife.

■ MADAM SPEAKER: THE LIFE OF BETTY BOOTHROYD
By Paul Routledge
HarperCollins, £18


Boothroyd: manner of a fishwife?

For myself, I see her as Parliament's Ena Sharples, never more effective than when giving some unfortunate MP a (no doubt deserved) dressing-down. For Boothroyd is not only the first woman to become Speaker, she is also the first Speaker to become a soap-opera star.

How Reggie got where he is today

THE GREAT Leonard Rossiter may have left us, but the immortality of Reginald Iolanthe Perrin was never in question. David Nobbs, one of our funniest novelists, has kept his spirit alive and, in *The Legacy of Reginald Perrin*, reminded us that there is still a place in the 1990s for Perrin's rare kind of lunacy.

It is the present day, and poor Reginald has finally passed away for good. Not this time the mysterious clothes on the beach and a new identity for the putative suicide. Reggie has died after a horrendous accident in which a sign advertising his own life insurance company fell on his head, but he is determined to have the last laugh from beyond the grave.

All the cast of the famous television comedy congregate for the reading of the will. There is his wife Elizabeth, his secretary and part-time lover Joan Greengross "whose legs seem to go on forever", Doc Morrisey, David Harris Jones and, of course, his former boss, employee, business partner and boss once again, CJ "I didn't get where I am today . . ."


Leonard Rossiter as Perrin

It appears that Reggie has made a mint from his infamous Grot shops. And there is a cool million for all his former friends and associates, on one condition: they must do something genuinely absurd.

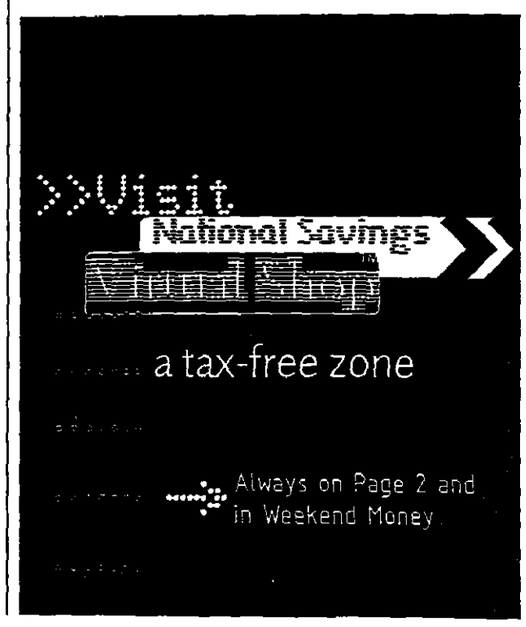
At first they go about it in a half-hearted manner, with proposals of marriage to the gorgeous but unattainable executrix of the will, lewd fancy dress and naked public appearances, but hearts are not in it. Then they realise that they must give in to the incorrigible spirit of Perrin and create an immortal monument to his famed ridiculousness. The cast is now in its seventies, and a march on Whitehall is planned, involving thousands of pensioners, to demand new rights for the aged by mass action.

The narrative is not watertight, and tends to drag through the middle of the book, but there are glorious memories of Perrin here, huge one-liners and little jokes that remind you just why it was so funny the first time around. Read it, if only to find out why CJ "didn't get where I am today by sounding like a cheese", and what R.I.P. had in store for his cronies at the very last.

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SKIING: The beauty of Lake Louise in Alberta's Banff National Park; the delights of small French resorts



The Scottish baronial-style Banff Springs Hotel, above, part of a town where elk are allowed to roam freely through the streets in winter

Perfect peaks in Canada

A surveyor building the Canadian Pacific Railway from Banff in Alberta to Vancouver in British Colombia was so taken by the beauty of the cobalt-blue lake beneath the peak of Mount Victoria that he built himself a log cabin on its shore. In doing so, he put Lake Louise, one of the world's great beauty spots, on the map.

When the log cabin burnt down in 1893, it was replaced by a wooden chalet that accommodated 12 guests who enjoyed the scene in summer, but abandoned it in winter.

The chalet grew into the celebrated 513-room Château Lake Louise, which stood unused every winter for another 90 years until skiers, recognising the potential of the resort, became numerous enough to keep it open.

The three ski mountains around Banff and Lake Louise jointly form Canada's second largest ski area, but today Banff is the only internationally known ski town that cannot fill more than a third of its accommodation in winter.

Set in the beautiful Banff National Park, it remains, in the eyes of North Americans, a summer town. Winter is still low season. But for British skiers, encouraged by a weak Canadian currency that gives more dollars per pound than it did ten years ago, it offers value for money.

Last winter, Canada saw a 24 per cent rise in British skiers, and this year it is estimated that those going on package trips will exceed 30,000. Only three years ago the figure was 6,000, and, in 1989-90, 3,000.

British tour operators have been leaving Banff barely able to suppress their grins after signing with four-star hotels contracting deals that they can sell, complete with transatlantic flights, for just a few hundred pounds and still make money. Now, after years of heavy investment selling the romance of the Rockies and perfect powder skiing in cowboy country, the Americans face the prospect of seeing their market bled by their previously little-rated northern neighbour.

Banff itself is a town of 6,000, where elk are allowed to roam freely through the generally quiet streets in winter. The average age of skiers seems to be older than most resorts, and teenagers — or those who like a wild time — might find themselves going to bed early.

The largest place to stay is the 828-room Banff Springs Hotel, which is built in Scottish baronial style. Its bars are usually lively in the evenings, and it has several restaurants, including a sushi bar.

Early winter in Banff tends to be cold. It was -25C when I was there in December, but by February it has usually warmed up to 0C, and in March it is no colder than a European resort.

The nearest skiing is ten minutes' drive away on Mount Norquay, where Banff built its first ski-lift in 1948. No one would cross the Atlantic just to ski Norquay, with its four chairlifts covering one face of a mountain with a vertical drop of 1,605 ft. But it is a cosy area on which to find your ski legs and gain confidence.

Twenty minutes out of Banff is Sunshine Village, which offers more varied skiing. Built on a plateau at 7,000 ft, Sunshine Village is reached by gondola. There is a hotel, but with only a mountain restaurant to keep you company, little enticement to stay up there.

The runs vary between suitable for beginners and gentle intermediate. An average of 30ft a year of snow cover is guaranteed, and lifts are open from mid-November until May. Avoid Sunshine Village when it is cold, overcast and windy: the skiing is above the treeline, and so exposed fences are built to hold the snow on the slopes.

Sunshine's skiing will be extended this season because of a new chairlift that has opened up another skiing face.

The skiing which really makes the area is at Lake Louise, a small village with a handful of hotels. The frozen lake, rimmed by a vertical rock wall over which hangs a frozen waterfall, is one of the most beautiful sights in the world.

From the slopes, the national park reveals its beauty as you look down on thousands of acres of tree-covered wilderness. A forest of tightly packed fir trees stretches up like a carpet to the peak of Mount Victoria, whose glacier curves back down to the lake like a white ribbon. Were it an easy feat of engineering, the chairlifts at Lake Louise would face away from the mountain, not towards it.

Lake Louise is an excellent area for beginners. Unlike most ski areas, where the novices are confined to the bottom of the mountain and the runs become more difficult nearer the top, Lake Louise boasts an easy green run down from the top of every chairlift.

You ski up and down the front of Mount Whitehorn — from 8,650 ft down to 5,393ft — and over the back of the mountain ridge into the back bowls, which have steep black pitches as well as more gentle, circuitous routes.

The Chateau Lake Louise, which is about 15 minutes' drive from the ski area, is an alternative to staying in Banff. The journey into town is well served by bus at peak times during the day, but outside ski hours it cannot be relied upon.

Each ski area has a large car park at the base, and the best way to ski in Banff is to hire a car. The trans-Candian highway is kept open by the heavy passage of trucks.

One great bonus of skiing in Banff is that it is easy to reach with Air Canada and Canadian Airlines, which fly non-stop to Calgary in less than nine hours, and Banff is only another 90 minutes drive. I have even found Banff a feasible destination for a long weekend. It certainly suits a week's ski holiday better than many of the longer-haul American resorts.

GRAHAM DUFFILL

How to get there

☐ The author was a guest of the Canadian High Commission (0171-839 2299).

☐ Most tour operators now have Banff/Lake Louise in their brochures. Comparing the big tour operators with some of the dozen small Candian specialist tour operators is worthwhile. While the former generally have more power to negotiate cheap accommodation deals, the latter often offer flexible programmes and provide more knowledgeable advice.

☐ The following is a list of prices for seven nights including scheduled flights (check before booking): Crystal Holidays (0181-399 5144), Banff Springs Hotel £563 from March 9-20 room only.

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☐ Ski Independence (0171-713 5337), Banff Springs, £599 January 1-29 (room only).

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Where can we ski in the school holidays?

Where do you take the family to ski when the whole of Europe seems to be taking half-term at the same time and all the big tour operators have sold out of packages weeks ago? For those who are tied to school holidays, it is a growing problem.

One answer lies in the string of resorts in the French national parks south of Grenoble. Although less crowded than the more fashionable destinations within driving distance of the Channel ports, several are well-developed.

Perhaps it is the southerly position of resorts such as St Véran and Villard de Lans that puts off the big tour firms. Such places cannot compete for snow reliability with the high-altitude big names that dominate the brochures. But most of the less well-known resorts have snow-making equipment to extend the season, and offer cheaper lift passes and lessons.

Taking the car, suitably equipped, may be a slog but, even allowing for the pay tolls and the higher cost of petrol in France, self-drive does cut the price of a self-catering holiday, which is the nearest many people can get to affordable skiing for a family. Also, independent travel gives you the option of an extra, often quieter, day's skiing after the groups have left for the airport. This economy option involves a motorway marathon of ten hours or more, depending on your destination, often through the night. But a stop at one of the many budget-priced hotels near the autoroutes makes the journey manageable without wiping out the savings over an air travel package.

A car can also be invaluable if snow is in short supply, as it often has been in recent years. High-altitude resorts that are closed to coaches when the pistes are packed with refugees from lower slopes are usually still accessible to motorists.

Even in last winter's snowy conditions, when snow chains were needed, a car brought welcome flexibility. Based in Villard de Lans, ten minutes' drive from the main downhill ski area, we were spared the hassle of buses and able to try out smaller villages in the Vercors national park.

Villard is a market town about a half-hour's drive from Grenoble and the Autoroute du Soleil. It has a good selection of bars and restaurants, and makes a welcome change from the purpose-built ski resorts.

Some stately hotels bear witness to the town's summer role as a "health resort" and centre for walking holidays, but there is plenty of self-catering accommodation.



Ideal for families on a budget: Villard de Lans, near Grenoble

We stayed in a well-appointed apartment on the edge of town, which would have slept eight and was more than adequate for two adults and three children. A ski bus stop was just across the road, had we needed it, and there was a cross-country skiing area nearby.

Inntravel, whose Inn-Active programme includes two destinations in the Vercors, specialises in cross-country skiing. Both offer the chance to mix downhill and cross-country, though the different equipment needed makes the combination difficult in practice.

We chose downhill, and found the variety of runs among Villard's 130km of pistes enough to satisfy our fairly wide range of expertise. The advanced skier might want more black runs, but puzzling classification means that some of the reds are just as challenging. A link with the neighbouring village of Corrençon makes for long and attractive runs through forest, and the network of 36 chair and drag lifts goes well above the treeline.

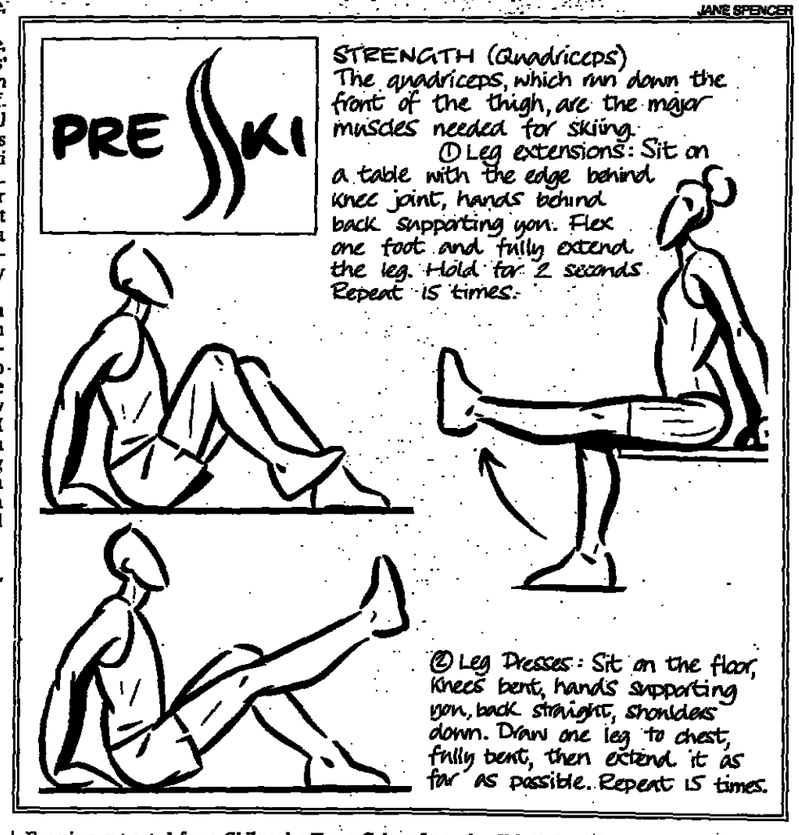
Although it is sufficiently unknown to the British to make it rare to hear English spoken, Villard's popularity with the French means queues at the height of the season. It makes it advisable to brush up your language skills if you are using the otherwise excellent ski school. There are some English-speaking instructors but not many, and to be told when asking for a translation of a particularly long and technical piece of advice to "go like Albert Tomba" is flattering, but hardly illuminating.

To avoid the queues and add to the variety of skiing, we spent afternoons at Lans-en-Vercors, ten minutes further away from Villard. A charming village with a dozen lifts and extensive cross-country tracks, its downhill area has a relaxed, country atmosphere, yet the top runs look down over Grenoble.

JOHN O'LEARY

● *The author was a guest of Inntravel, Hovingham, York YO6 4JZ (01653 628811), which offers seven-night, self-drive, self-catering packages in a flat for five from £302 per person, including the cross-Channel ferry. Children under 14 go free. Prices rise to £364 for Christmas and New Year packages, and £434 during next February's half-term. They drop to £302 in the second half of March. Inntravel can also book hotels en route and arrange equipment hire, if required.*

JANE SPENCER



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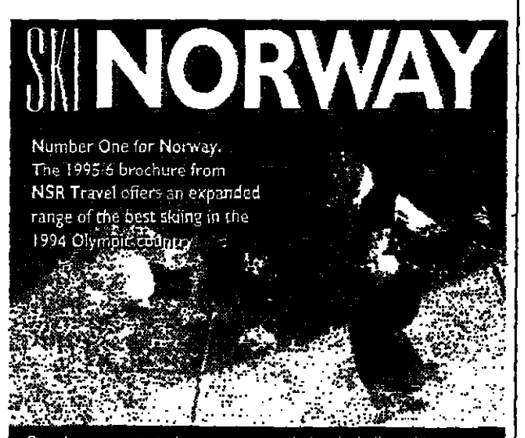
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WEEKEND BREAKS: Bradford is sitting on a cultural gold mine, though it doesn't seem to realise it

Cook's tour to the heart of curry country

Mumtaz K Akbar has just bought the signwriter's shop next door to his restaurant in Bradford. He had to pay over the odds but then what was he to do, turning away so many customers? Business is booming. Mumtaz's younger brother Gulnawaz even gave up a career as a neurologist to help with the burgeoning frozen-food line.

Mumtaz Paan House is one of 70 Asian restaurants in Bradford. Paan is the name of the leaf on which aromatic spices and herbs are served (the same spices usually come with the bill in those Asian restaurants that haven't sold out to the after-dinner mint). When Mumtaz's parents arrived in Bradford, along with thousands of Pakistani and Bengali mill workers during the 1950s, his mother set up a small paan shop selling sweets and savouries, just like the ones at home. From these small beginnings she made an increasingly good living serving delicious, freshly cooked food.

I'll admit that I went to Bradford looking for a foreign country. I also went to find out why it is that, although details of how to spend a "Flavours of Asia" weekend are available to the visitor, the city seems relatively indifferent to the gastronomic and cultural gold mine on which it is sitting.

Naturally this indifference predates the riots this summer, which have bruised Bradford's reputation for exemplary community relations, but I got the feeling that guided tours of "Emmerdale Country" and the exquisite tedium of watching boats negotiate Five Rise Locks were probably easier tourist options to sell than all the riches of the Asian subcontinent that are salted away in the streets of Bradford.

Many of these riches are on display in Bombay Stores, an exotic wholesale/retail shop the size of an aircraft hangar, which is stuffed with rolls of silk, chiffon, crepe de Chine, linen and printed cotton. There are ready-made *shalwar-kameez* (the trouser-and-tunic-top combination favoured by Muslim and Sikh women from the Punjab) and a whole wardrobe of woollen and embroidered waistcoats and cotton tunics. The cookery department sells Joyful Life food mixers straight out of the 1950s for £20, fashionable cast-iron Balti dishes, stainless steel dishes and boxes, and plates and trays the size of wagon wheels on which to serve a feast.

> "The store sells mixers straight out of the 1950s"

At Al-Halal supermarket — the largest Asian food shop in Europe — there's a terrific trade in spices and herbs: big bags of black peppercorns and cardamom pods, fenugreek and dhal pulses. You can buy the mustard oil that gives Kashmiri and Bengali food its special character, and more exotic goods such as jackfruit, bitter melon and kevda water for making sweets. To ask a question in this shop is to invite a whole lesson in cooking — go in not knowing a curry from a custard cream and you'll come out with an armful of spices, a pot for cooking them in, and advice on everything from heating ghee to keeping your papadums crispy.

The intense colour and smell of these Asian stores is, in some ways, at odds with the Yorkshire greyness of Bradford. It's like seeing the flash of a vibrant silk saree under a very British cardigan.

Titus Salt, the Victorian industrialist whose massive mill three miles from the city centre at Saltaire now houses a David Hockney gallery, would, as a lifelong teetotaller dedicated to "industry and virtue" surely have approved of the care with which these Asian stores are run.

There are, of course, plenty of side-shows on a Flavours of Asia weekend. The jewel in the crown for tourism in Bradford city centre is the National Museum of Photography, Film and Television, which is doubly laudable for being free to visitors. This summer saw the opening of an £11-million transport attraction called Transperience, which is part museum and part theme park.

But to the dedicated Asian foodie these are just interruptions between meals. On good recommendation I sampled two other restaurants after the Mumtaz Paan House. The Bombay Brasserie (which claims it had the name before the chic London restaurant opened) is housed in a converted classical Unitarian church (Titus might have raised an eyebrow at this). Inside this honey-coloured stone building is a lavish dining room, all lanterns and curly backed chairs. Behind a glass partition at the back of the room a chef works at a genuine tandoori oven. At the other end of the scale, the Kashmir restaurant has a separate basement eatery which is the Asian equivalent of a worker's caff. The emphasis here is on generous portions of delicious meat and vegetable curries which you eat with a folded chapati (although you can ask for a fork, if you must).

There's a city within a city in Bradford waiting to be explored. There's food, shopping, entertainment and opportunities to meet across cultures, but it needs a bit more organisation if it is all to be open to a wider public. The least the city can do is to get its best Asian restaurateurs together and publish a book of their recipes. In the meantime, here are two from Mumtaz (see right).

SUSAN MARLING

BRIAN LEWIS



All the subcontinent's riches are on Bradford's streets, including the fruit, vegetables, spices and oils that create the flavours of Asia

Bradford fact file

- The author was a guest at the recently opened Victoria Hotel (01274 728706). Fri/Sat nights £35 (room only).
- For information on Flavours of Asia weekends contact Emma Leech on 01274 752180.
- InterCity East Coast serves Bradford. Apex fares from London cost £28 return.
- Restaurants: Mumtaz Paan House, 386-96 Gt Horton Road (01274 571861); Bombay Brasserie: Simes Street, off Westgate (01274 737564); Kashmir: 27 Morley Street (01274 726513).
- Shops: Bombay Stores, Shearbridge Road (01274 729993); Al Halal Supermarket, Panorma House, Woodbridge Road (01274 736294).

MUMTAZ'S RECIPES

KARAHI ALOO GHOBI
Cauliflower and potato curry

(Preparation, 15 minutes. Cooking, 30 minutes. Serves four)

You will need:
4 large tomatoes
2 large potatoes, peeled and cut into 1in pieces
tsp of turmeric powder
1 large cauliflower, cut into small pieces
5-6tbsp olive oil
salt to taste
coriander for garnishing

To be ground into paste (use liquidiser)

5 green chillis
6-7 cloves of garlic
25mm piece of ginger
3 cardamoms
8-10 pepper corns
tsp cumin seeds
1½tsp chilli powder

Boil tomatoes in hot water for 10 minutes. Grate into a puree. Heat the oil and fry onions until golden brown. Add the paste and fry for 3-4 minutes. Add the cauliflower, potatoes, turmeric powder and 1½ cups of water. Cover and cook for 10-12 minutes. Remove lid and carry on stirring for 2-3 minutes. Add tomato puree and salt and cook until the oil floats. Sprinkle on the coriander. Serve with nan or rice.

CHICKEN TIKKA

You will need:
Four chicken breast fillets cut into 1½in squares
1½tsp red chilli powder
salt to taste
tsp of saffron diluted in 2tbsp of hot water
1 cup fresh lemon juice
½ cup olive oil

To be made into paste

1 onion
2in ginger
2 cloves garlic

Mix all ingredients together and marinate chicken. Leave to stand for 3-4 hours, or overnight, in the fridge. To cook: lay chicken pieces in an oven tray, cover with any remaining marinade. Cook on high heat under grill, or in oven, until chicken is tender.

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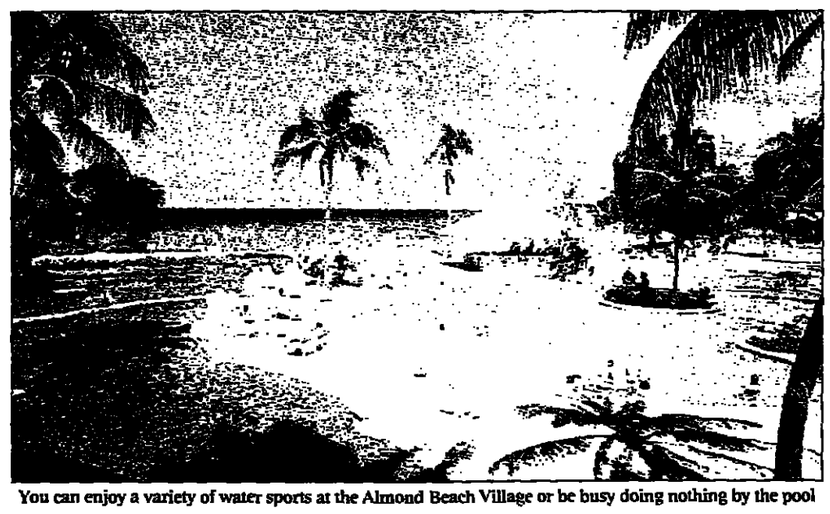
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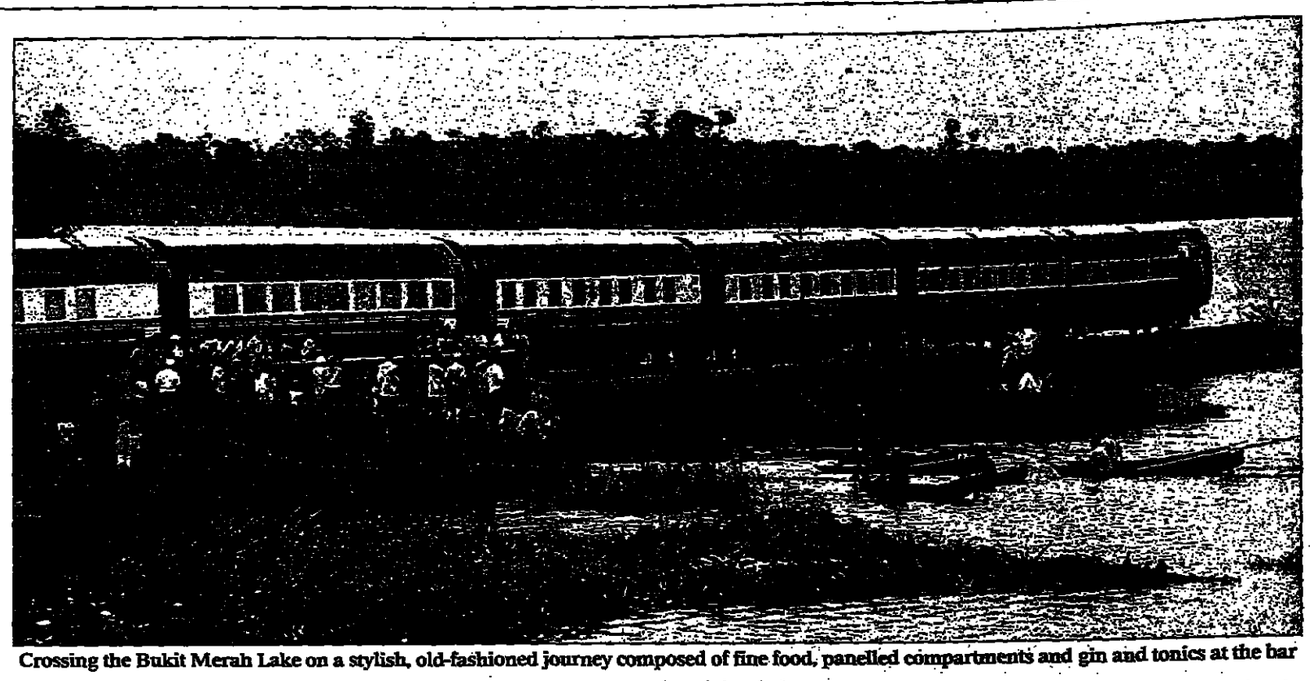
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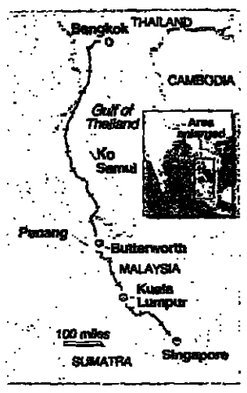
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In an age of package holidays and frequent-flyer miles, a great railway journey conjures up the elegance and nostalgia of a lost age: luxury, langour, comfort and class, echoes of Noël Coward and Somerset Maugham, the smells of the market and the sight of the setting sun.

Few such journeys are now possible: steam has vanished, rail networks across the world are crumbling, and only the very rich or very poor have time to travel in the old-fashioned way. But there is money in nostalgia, as televised railway journeys have shown, and the Venice Simplon Orient Express has proved. Of all the routes none could be more luxurious or more spectacular than the Eastern and Orient Express — 1,943km through the Malaysian jungle from Singapore to Bangkok.



Even at Singapore it was clear that this would be no ordinary journey. The cast of an Agatha Christie mystery gathered in the humid afternoon on the platform, incongruous in fashionable casual clothes. Officials checked lists, porters guarded smart luggage, carriage attendants, waiters, chefs and barmen, in trim green uniform and brocade, lined up to bow to the passengers being escorted to their carriages.

We boarded around tea-time. Each compartment was a vanished world of style: panelled with polished marquetry, air-conditioned, an illusion of space created by the patterned upholstery, large curtained windows, cupboards and tables, a basket of fruit and flowers, quaintly illustrated route map and brochures for the railway buffs. The en-suite bathroom with shower had all the soaps and unguents of any first-class hotel.

Our attendant brought tea on a silver tray — sandwiches, chocolate cake, china cups with China tea. The train, 24 carriages long, was by now trundling through the outskirts of Singapore and soon arrived at the old causeway that links the island republic with Malaysia. Outside it was hot, humid and green, as the train, at a steady 50mph, passed forests of rubber trees interspersed with oil palms.

We began to explore: the saloon with its sofas, lamps, dark wood, travel books and magazines; the bar car, airy and bright with bamboo furniture and a piano for after-dinner entertainment; the boutique selling scarves, cufflinks and monogrammed E&O jewellery; and, best of all, the open rear observation car with its roof, teak floor and brass railings over which you could lean and watch the single narrow-gauge track disappear into the evening.

There were two sittings for dinner, a formal affair for which we dressed up to complement the elegance of the dining car: low lighting, silver cutlery, cut glass and a superb five-course meal. The Belgian chef, who prepares everything freshly en route, was a master at spicing European cuisine with a hint of Thai — lemon grass, ginger and saffron rice. In the bar car afterwards, the passengers — mainly Germans, Americans, a few British and Japanese tentatively getting to know each other — were entertained by John Michael Swinbank, a leading exponent of Coward who happened to be on board.

At 11pm the train pulls into Kuala Lumpur station, an exotic array of Victorian domes and Moorish turrets marooned in the middle of a gleaming modern capital. The E&O — the first through train to run all the way to Bangkok, and a boon to Malaysian tourism — has priority on the long, single line. But though the track was rebuilt after wartime devastation, it is hardly the smooth ride that makes for a peaceful night.

However inviting the turned-down beds looked, they could not cushion the vagaries of the track. As one German remarked ruefully next morning: "I have never spent so much to sleep so badly."



The Sri Mariamman temple on the island of Penang

The next morning the train reaches Butterworth — the junction with Thai railways — and the E&O makes a virtue of the need to refuel and turn around. Passengers disembark for a three-hour trip by ferry and rickshaw to Penang, the ancient island colony that appears to have changed little since Queen Victoria's day. Then it is on through the rugged, narrow Thai peninsula: more jungle, more fine food, more gin and tonic at the bar until the day has slipped agreeably away.

By 9am the train is pulling into the outskirts of Bangkok: poor, teeming and polluted, but with brilliant lotus flowers everywhere and smiling children still excited to see the luxury train roll past with the passengers hanging out at the back, sheepish at the vast disparity in wealth.

The E&O has no institutional link with the Mandarin Oriental hotel group, but the coincidence of name is a happy one: many of the guests are collected by white-gloved chauffeurs from the hubbub of Bangkok station and whisked to the extraordinary luxury of the Bangkok Oriental, the renowned hotel, founded in 1876, that regularly wins the *Business Traveller* nomination as the world's best.

Even if you do not book into the spectacular refurbished authors' suites, you can still enjoy the Oriental's riverside gardens, gourmet Thai restaurant on the other side of the river, private tours of the klongs, Thai culinary classes, and pampering with herbal wraps, aromatherapy and hydromassage at the new Health and Beauty Centre (including the last word in body care, the "Pre-Nuptial Pampering" at $474 [about £300] per person). Given the smog, heat and traffic gridlock that makes modern Bangkok so oppressive, marooning yourself in the Oriental is a holiday in itself.

The acme of Asian luxury travel, however, must surely be the new island resort of Koh Samui in the Gulf of Thailand. Baan Taling Ngam is the newly built Oriental resort that cascades down a cliff and is perhaps the nearest the tired executive can come to achieving the dream-like relaxation of advertisements: a long sweep of golden sand, coconut palms waving in the breeze, sunset over the distant isles, fresh fish fried around the lower pool, and individual villas decorated in traditional Thai style.

There are, of course, all the sports, services, bars, restaurants and boating tours that any lively couple could want; but for me the abiding sensations were the joy of floating in the clifftop pool beyond which the valley falls away in a sea of palms, and ambling along the deserted beach by the coconuts, with only the occasional gnarled fisherman to give a broad smile.

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WEEKEND BREAK: The colours, canals and new opera house contribute to the romance of Gothenburg

A breath of Swedish air

If you are one of the millions who watched last year's World Athletics Championships from Gothenburg, you may have wondered if there was anything more to be seen beyond the television cameras' fixation with the Ullevi Stadium. The answer is much more. Gothenburg is Sweden's second main city, an important trading centre but of comfortable size — around half a million people — spaciously set out with all the sophistication of a larger metropolis but with none of the shortcomings, such as clogging exhaust fumes and rubbish in the streets.

The Swedes are blessed with a passion for keeping things clean and tidy. One of my earliest memories of the country is of a visit to Stockholm when I watched a late-night reveller weave and stagger along the pavement, a single purpose in what was left of his mind: to drop his beer can into a bin. That achieved, he collapsed into happy oblivion.

Anyway, Gothenburg is a breath of fresh air. And not so cold, either, despite its northern latitude. The Gulf Stream has a gently warming effect, bringing an early summer that can remain dry and bright until October.

The feel of "old" Gothenburg is distinctly 19th-century, with broad avenues and green spaces created by Dutch architects who oversaw the reconstruction of the city after a devastating fire. For the older, traditional Swedish clapperboard homes, wander away from the centre towards Hagagatan, where there are wooden houses edging cobbled streets.

There are more of the same, but in a romantic setting, on in-shore islands such as Tjörn, which is connected to the mainland by an S-shape suspension bridge. The villages on the north coastline — where the fishermen's houses crowd the rocky shoreline of grey boulders, tightly packed like solidified bubbles — are as essentially part of the Swedish scene as the great pine forests.

If the Dutch influence on Gothenburg is apparent — there is even a canal network, although nowadays it is mostly used by pleasure boats — the British connection is also a potent force. Partly it is a matter of linguistic convenience. English here is not so much a second language as an alternative first language. There need be no inhibitions in asking a passerby for directions. Even the name Gothenburg is an Anglo-Saxon corruption of the genuinely Swedish Göteborg — pronounced "Yuh-teh-Borry".



Milles's Poseidon fountain in the Götaplatsen



But the real strength of the hyphen in Anglo-Swedish is the shared heritage of two seafaring nations. In the heyday of ocean-going windjammers, there was a regular two-way convoy between Gothenburg and Britain's east-coast ports. Trading links remain strong, but today the shipping business has moved out to the container terminals. This leaves the harbour at the mouth of the River Göta free for development as a residential and leisure area. This is where the city has put a magnificent opera house.

> Painters capture their subjects in Nordic greys and greens

If the managers of Covent Garden want to know how to reconstruct their dilapidated structure, they could not do better than hotfoot it to Gothenburg. The architect Jan Izikawitz has taken the sea as his inspiration, creating a structure with all the grace of a luxury liner. Forget what happens on stage for a moment, the building itself is a thrill, not least from the inside looking out over its panoramic waterscape.

I saw *The Flying Dutchman* from the centre stalls, where the performance had to compete for attention with the auditorium, all clean lines and clear views, a model of functional beauty.

The opera season runs for just over nine months, from mid-August to early June, with a programme that takes in operettas and contemporary musicals. What is open all year round is the Opera House restaurant, one of several on the harbour where the "fruits from the sea" can be enjoyed.

It would be sacrilege not to eat fish in Gothenburg. The early morning auctions testify to the quality of the daily catch. Piscatorians who prefer a more leisurely beginning to the day might relish the choice at the Fish Church on the Rosenhund Canal, a covered market recognisable by its clerical appearance.

The choice of fish restaurants extends beyond the harbour and the city, to the cluster of islands that make up Gothenburg's archipelago. In town I enjoyed the Barken Viking, a floating hotel and restaurant, where the cooking is done by students, and a newish restaurant, Broderna Dahlbom, on Kungsgatan, where the baked scallops have to be tasted to be believed.

The cheapest fish snack, obtainable everywhere, is a plate of fresh shrimps and an ice-cold beer. But watch out for Swedish beer. It is produced in four grades of alcoholic strengths, the lowest of which tastes of mild detergent.

Many of the best things to see and do in Gothenburg are associated with the sea. On the harbour close to the opera house is the maritime centre, a veritable fleet of historic vessels moored together to make what is claimed to be the world's largest floating museum. Down river is the maritime museum, with its collection of ship models of every size, age and distinction. You can tell you are near the museum when you see the Sailors' Monument, a woman staring longingly out to sea from the dizzy height of a Roman column.

Across the harbour, ten minutes by ferry, they are busy transforming the old shipyards, once the heart of Gothenburg's prosperity, a role now taken by Volvo and SKF. The empty docks, clearly identified from a distance by the massive Eriksburg gantry crane, are the site of the biggest ever Viking exhibition (open until March 17, 1996).

Close by is shipbuilding of a type not seen for more than 200 years. They are building a replica of the *Götheborg*, an 18th-century, three-masted windjammer which sank just outside the harbour entrance. The spot is marked off the island fortress of Alvsborg, where marine archaeologists are diving for the remains of the *Götheborg*'s cargo. What they have recovered so far is on permanent display at the maritime museum.

Back to the city centre for a stroll up Kungsportsavenyn, better known as Avenyn, or the Avenue, a long, sloping boulevard which melds turn-of-the-century merchants' houses with more impersonal modern blocks. At the top is Götaplatsen, the cultural centre of Gothenburg, where a theatre, concert hall and art gallery make three sides of a square.

At first sight, attention fastens on the centrepiece, a gigantic Milles fountain sculpture of the sea god Poseidon, with, beyond, the art-gallery façade, a row of tall arches approached by palatial steps — an uncomfortable and daunting mix of art nouveau with old-fashioned municipal grandeur. The contents are something else.

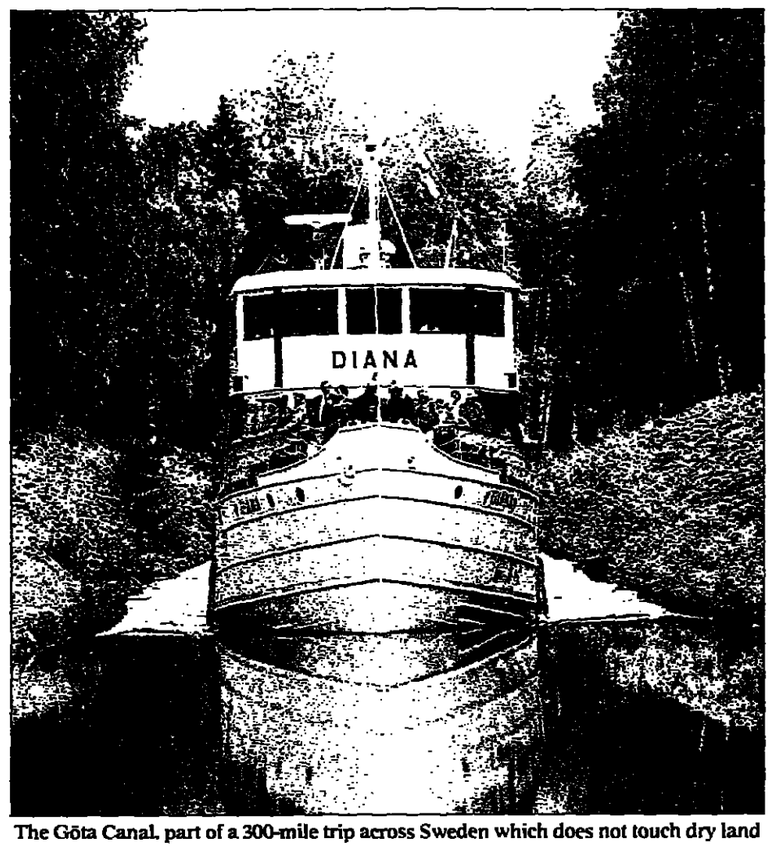
For those who imagine that Edward Munch says it all, there is a delight in store. With artists such as Anders Zorn, Carl Larsson, Karl Nordstrom and Richard Bergh, we are looking at the work of an original group of artists whose reputation has been smothered by French Impressionism. These painters are dreamers and romantics capturing their subjects in the unique grey and greens of the Nordic landscape. Richard Bergh's portrait of a couple on a balcony looking out over a lake in the blue hours of dusk is typical of the style.

For those who prefer a lighter form of culture, Liseberg, Gothenburg's amusement park and biggest tourist attraction, is five minutes' walk from the Götaplatsen. The dare-devil rides are there, of course, but also four open-air stages for quality concerts, and a choice of restaurants that alone would do credit to an entire resort.

Gothenburg has one other virtue. It is a multichoice springboard for an extended holiday. To the north are the hills, forests and fjords of Bohuslan; to the south the sandy beaches of Halland. Best of all is a leisurely trip across country by riverboat steamer. It goes up the Göta River, across Vänern (Sweden's largest lake), through the Göta Canal, over Lake Vättern and then back on to the canal to Lake Roxen and the coastal town of Oxelösund. The boat then finds its way inland again via the Sodertalse Canal and Lake Mälaren which links directly with Stockholm.

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ISLANDS: **Louis de Bernières** sees Suffolk in Mauritius and **Leslie Thomas** finds Switzerland on Réunion

As the lady in BhS said, it's paradise

"IT'S JUST like Suffolk," I said, as we drove from the airport.

"Suffolk?" my companions asked with surprise.

"Well, Suffolk is quite flat, with field after field of sugar beet. Mauritius is quite flat with field after field of sugar cane."

There are, of course, a few points of difference. Mauritius has some eccentric mountains, the remains of the original volcano, that look as though they were designed by children. Grey volcanic rocks, shaped like ziggurats, rise through the red topsoil.

> "My memory is of water skiing, fishing and diving"

The roads are lined with flamboyant scarlet trees and frangipani. Poinsettia, hibiscus, bougainvillea and oleander bloom everywhere. Mynah birds swoop in the sky and mongeese hide halfheartedly in the hedgerows as we pass.

"Yes," my companions agreed mockingly, "very like Suffolk," as we listened to the frogs' soporific chorus that night.

The island is encircled by a reef, and most hotels on Mauritius have been built along the coast, because the weather is warmer and drier there than on the inland plateau where tea is grown.

The brilliant coral sands of the beaches are embellished by the occasional honey-brown tourist, resting between dives into the lagoons.

I spent hour after hour snorkelling amid the the coral, entranced by the assortment of exuberantly coloured fish. My favourite was a fat brown one which squabbled bitterly with its neighbours over possession of coral branches. When I arrived, it would sally out to challenge me, realise my size, and quickly nip home.

Many of these fish are edible, and are served with unlimited quantities of tropical fruit. The cuisine of the island reflects the ethnic mix of its people. A girl in a bookshop told me there was no point in buying a cookbook because, to cook in the Mauritian style, all I had to do was make any kind of dish from anywhere and put lots of spices in it. I bought one anyway, and found out later that she had been right. I was unreliably informed that there are 57 religions on the island, but it is true that Europeans, Chinese, Africans, Hindus and Tamils all practise their own faiths here, from Islam to Roman Catholicism, with exemplary mutual tolerance, and happily celebrate one another's festivals. At one time, there were so many religious holidays that the economy was endangered and a council had to be called to rationalise the merrymaking.

BLACK STAR



The island's rich ethnic mix happily results in religious tolerance, exotic foods and many festivals

My visit coincided with the Tamil celebration of Cavadee on January 17. Beside a river, in front of portable shrines garlanded with flowers, I saw a young girl convulsively possessed by her God, while men pierced silver pins through their tongues and people danced on shoes made of nails. I was informed that there would also, of course, be fire-walking.

The different races are united, linguistically, by Creole. They also speak English, French and whatever tongue was spoken by their ancestors — for this is a nation of entirely immigrant origin. Evidence of the seaborne origins of the island's peoples can be seen inside the older Mauritian buildings. When you enter, look up and you will see elaborate systems of beams that were constructed, not by carpenters, but by shipwrights. The skeleton of the church near the botanical gardens at Pamplemousse is simply an inverted ship.

Today, shipbuilding skills are employed in crafting perfect wooden models of historical vessels, such as the *Victory*, the *Constitution* and the *Royal Louis*, which may be bought for substantial sums by anyone who thinks they can get one home without breaking the spars and making a bird's nest of the rigging.

I didn't try. Instead, I brought home memories of superb weather, clean water, Chinese, Indian and French cuisine, seafood and unlimited fruit; of fishing, water skiing, snorkelling and scuba diving; of exotic birds stealing food from my table, frogs croaking at night, and the mongoose under my bedroom window. And, to the woman in BhS, who told me, before I flew home, "It's paradise", I have to say, "You were right."

Details

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Voodoo under the volcanoes

So tall are the mountains of the island of Réunion that in the southern winter they are topped with snow. Up there are alpine villages of wood, awesome gorges and cold rivers: a small Switzerland in the Indian Ocean.

On the flight from Mauritius it seems as though the plane is approaching not one, but two, islands; one floating above the other. The false isle, a mirage formed by the heads of the central massif, rises beyond the clouds. The real Réunion lies far below against the green ocean.

There is limited room for roads on Réunion; some curl bravely into the hills but the main route hugs the coast in a 300-kilometre oval. The place is crammed with cars and as their headlights circle at night, the shape of the isle looks from the air like a necklace.

Réunion is very French, though occupied by Britain at intervals. The British left less trace that they did in neighbouring Mauritius, which they ruled but never colonised. Today there are few original British families in Mauritius but the French settled thickly in Réunion and now trace their ancestors back over half a dozen generations who live alongside people of African, Indian and Creole origin. Newcomers here are called *z'oreilles* ("the ears"), because of their imagined straining to hear what is being said about them in the local patois.

St Denis, the capital, is the largest French city outside metropolitan France. It enjoys the boast "the Paris of the Indian Ocean", but Paris would not be flattered, for it is dusty, car-clogged, and any buildings of interest are of sagging wood with peeling paint.

Driving in St Denis is, however, Parisian. My taxi had a pair of baby's bootees dangling from the mirror. "To tell me," said the driver, "to take care, because of my baby girl." Touching, but it did not prevent him roaring in the wrong direction down a one-way street to buy some cigarettes, reversing out and colliding with another car. The altercation was also pure Paris.

On some corners of the town there are little pagodas overlooking enclosed gardens, used as watchposts by anxious mothers spying on their daughters dallying with young men among the flowers. Samantha Peyett, a student, remembers her mother relating how she used to be spied on from one of these eyries. "We call them, in Creole, *get-à-li*, which means "I can see you."

There are half a million people in Réunion, a *Département Français d'outre-mer*, and the French Government supports them massively. Vanilla is the main crop and only 40,000 tourists visit the island each year. No island is going to get fat on vanilla and a few hundred visitors, many of them backpackers, a week.

The earliest settlers were pirates, mutineers and other baddies, banished from Madagascar and living in the caves along the northwestern coast, where the huge seas of the Indian Ocean run unchecked against the shore.



Life in Réunion has never been uninteresting. The castaways settled in to enjoy their confinement and set up a colony which later attracted many of the rogues and tearaways of the Indian Ocean. Across the busy dual-carriageway from the settlers' caves is a cemetery, bright with flowers and tombs as big as cottages. Stanzas of romantic poetry decorate its boundary walls. You leave by a gate with a courteous sign: *Merci de votre visite.*

The grave of Oliver le Vasseur, a privateer known as La Buse (the Buzzard), had fresh flowers on it, although he had been there two centuries. They lolled against the inscription and the small cannon which stands guard alongside. One of the many cemetery attendants told me that the flowers were placed there by people hoping to find the old pirate's treasure.

There remains a sniff of voodoo in Réunion, and on the grave of a mass murderer in another part of the island are flowers, cigarettes, food and rum — gifts donated in the hope that serious bad luck will befall the donor's enemies.

The student Samantha pointed out another grave in the cemetery. "This," she said, "is a man who was very polite, and foolish." He was, too. A victim of his own generosity, his epitaph reads: "Eraste Feillet fought a duel with another adventurer in 1830." His rival's pistol failed to fire, so the Frenchman gallantly offered his and called for a spare. Before it could arrive, his adversary shot him dead. "He was English," Samantha said.

The island's northwest surfing beaches are the only white sands on the island; much of Réunion's coastline is as black as an old tooth, the result of spillings from the ever-grumbling volcano, the Piton de la Fournaise. Lumps of lava litter the foreshore and lie around houses.

One eruption sent a red-hot river streaming seawards which, in its course, obligingly divided and rolled each side of the church.

Further along the coastal road is an odd wayside statue of the Virgin with an umbrella protecting her from the rain — and any flying cinders from the volcano.

If the littoral, with its unending road, its lava rocks and beaches and the assaults of the Indian Ocean, is not the best aspect of Réunion, the alpine interior makes amends. It is cool, calm and lovely in the hills. There are beautiful natural amphitheatres. The route twists horrifyingly but it's worth taking. The road to Salazie cuts a figure through green foothills climbing to high escarpments; bridges cross gorges so deep the bottom is in gloom. It was summer, so the rivers and waterfalls were dry or reduced to shy trickles, but the scars made by the winter descents were deep. At the Cascade de Niagra, a massive curtain of dry rock demonstrated the extent of the falls in the wet season. Now there was only a thin fall, and a pool with a man prosaically washing his car in its water.

The village of Salazie settles with obvious delight into the lush valley that ascends to the Piton des Neiges, the summit white in winter. Salazie has wooden chalets that would make a Swiss feel at home but the main street, without a car in sight, is called the Rue Georges Pompidou. There is a hollowed-out square, the corrugated-roofed Hôtel de Ville, and a cream-coloured church.

Some schoolchildren waited outside the church for a bus that never seemed to come. We had lunch in a little restaurant hanging on the hillside in the company of a television crew filming a man attempting a new record for walking across the mountains. When we came out the children were still waiting for the bus.

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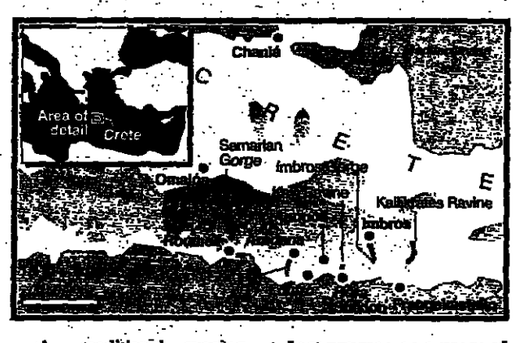
CRETE: Beauty can be too tame a word to describe the epic quality of the White Mountain ravines

Gorging on the sublime



PICTURES

The Samarian Gorge: at the height of the season, about 2,000 people daily walk through Europe's longest ravine



A traditional evening pastime in Hóra Sfakion not so long ago was having a beer by the harbour and watching the footwear come off the boats. Points were awarded for sightings of flip-flops, espadrilles and — the jackpot — high-heel sandals. The winner bought another round.

It is not such a good game these days. The growth of trainer-shoe culture has meant that fewer holidaymakers hobble to the waiting tour buses after their six-hour trek down Crete's Samarian Gorge. But some still look tired. Even though it is downhill, the walk involves an 18km hike from Omalós down to the ferries, which connect the mouth of the gorge at Ayia Rouméli to the roadhead at Hóra Sfakion. And many walkers were up at dawn for the four-hour coach transfer from the tourist resorts on the north coast.

Under normal circumstances, the spectacular mountain scenery of the Samaria National Park would put a spring in anyone's step. But the Samaria experience is now big business for tour operators, who can package it at many times the cost of its constituent parts.

Last summer, an average of 2,000 people a day walked through the gorge; in August the figure was almost twice that number. Gorges being by their nature narrow, hiking through Europe's longest example is nowadays more akin to negotiating the London Underground rush hour than "surviving the mountain challenge", as claimed on the certificates and T-shirts you can buy in Ayia Rouméli.

Local ecologists are concerned about the effects of tourism on such a mass scale. Paths are being eroded, while the rare Cretan ibex and golden eagles have abandoned the protection of the national park for the high mountains, where they are shot on sight by shepherds.

"The problem is that Greek national parks are not really protected," says Julie Vlahavas of the Pan-hellenic Centre for Ecological Research. "The situation in Samaria is worrying. We have suggested an educational programme to create more ecological awareness among guides and villagers, but conserving the environment is not a priority for the Government. They have ignored our proposals."

The irony is that Samaria is only one of five great gorges which cut through the White Mountains down to the sea. Here there is ample scope for independent walkers to leave the crowds behind and quietly enjoy the exhilarating sensation of walking through some of the most dramatic scenery in Europe.

The impenetrable mountains rising behind the gorges have preserved Sfakia's autonomy through waves of invasions. Neither the Romans, Venetians, Turks nor Nazis ever really controlled this part of southern Crete, largely due to the ability of the Sfakians to melt into the rugged terrain and execute brief but bloody ambushes.

The provincial capital of Hóra Sfakion is the best base for exploring the surrounding ravines. During the Venetian occupation at the height of its powers, the town supported a population of 3,000 and a sizeable merchant fleet. Nowadays it is a small scruffy port with a traffic problem caused by the coaches which collect the weary Samaria trippers but leave no much-needed revenue.

However, for all but a few hours each day, Hóra Sfakion relapses into that state of torpor which city visitors find infinitely relaxing in southern Crete. Long hours can be passed under the shade of the tamarisk tree at the Hotel Stavris, the social centre of the village.

The closest gorge is a kilometre to the west, and for part of the way you follow the old Venetian road to Anópoli. Expertly designed to alleviate the steep contours of the hillside, the ancient stones have been worn smooth by centuries of donkey and human traffic.

After just 15 minutes' walk up the Kavi ravine, the unearthly stillness suggests that you are already deep in the mountains. It narrows into a canyon where butterflies gather in pools of sunlight; the air is thick with the sound of bees working on pockets of herbs in the cliff face.

What you are following is a dried-up river bed created by melted snow and winter rains. Walking on the rocks is not especially difficult, but boots with good ankle support are better than trainers. After an hour, great boulders block the way; by this time most people are happy to retrace their steps with the promise of a swim on the shingle beach below.

The top of the Imbros gorge can be easily reached on the morning bus to Chanià. At 800m, Imbros is one of the highest villages in Crete and is regularly blocked by snow in the winter. This gorge is 8km of delightful downhill walking, and is cool and shady even in the heat of summer. Walking through rock arches and past pillars and caves, you come upon innumerable spots for a picnic. At the other end you can either walk an extra 4km along the road to Hóra (which is hot and exposed in summer) or buy a cold drink and wait for the afternoon bus.

A few miles further west is the remote Kallikrates ravine, which emerges from the mountains near the Venetian fortress of Frangokástello. To reach the head of the gorge you need to arrange a lift from Imbros.

But it was the Arádena gorge which provided the real mountain challenge. Having taken an early-morning taxi up to Anópoli, we prepared for the walk Greek-style with strong coffee and cigarettes in a café in the main square, overlooked by a statue of Ioannis Daskaloyiannis, who led a revolt against the Turks in 1770 and perished horribly in Heraklion.

First stop was the village of Arádena — recently deserted following one of the vendettas which still punctuate village life in Sfakia. Picking our way carefully along an old stone-flagged path down the side of a sheer cliff, we entered the gorge.

This ravine had an epic, almost Tolkien-esque feel to it. Stunted pine trees clung to the sides; we felt a growing sense of anticipation coupled with a vague dread, as if something could be waiting around the next massive boulder.

After half an hour, walking turned to scrambling as we negotiated our way over rocks as big as houses which had crashed down from the cliff face. Then we realised why the Arádena gorge is mysteriously absent from most walkers' guides.

It was a sheer drop of perhaps ten metres. A climbing rope and a chain vanished off the edge into nothingness. Claude and Hermine — two keen walkers from Switzerland — stood on the brink and cursed in their soft German. It looked like it was the end of the road.

Fortunately, the fourth member of the party was able to summon up boyhood rock-climbing skills and volunteered to go over the edge and take a look. He discovered a loop in the rope which could be used as a stirrup to get past the overhang, and then a ledge which was big enough for four.

The second stage involved tying the rucksacks to the rope and lowering them down. Then it was the turn of the reluctant climbers. In vain David encouraged us to brace our legs straight and walk down the cliff in an orderly manner; Hermine and I reverted instantly to school gym technique and scrabbled down its sides like nervous monkeys.

Now we were in the most spectacular part of the gorge. Above the banks of oleander the cliffs soared to 1,000ft; griffon vultures rode the thermals, lazily scanning for goats which had missed their footing.

Beauty is too tame a word to describe the epic quality of the scenery. Kant's portrayal of the sublime, where the wild places provide a direct experience of the noumenon as distinct from the purely phenomenal attributes of the beautiful, suddenly made perfect sense in Arádena.

After four hours we emerged at the sea on Marble Beach, a tiny limestone cove packed with sunbathers who had arrived by boat from Loutró. Colonies of naked Germans basked on the flat rocks; the local goats were doing a good line in relieving sunbathers of their picnic leftovers.

We sat in the shade in silence, drinking the last of our precious water. Back in the real world of holiday islands we were already nostalgic for the wild places.

JANE O'CALLAGHAN

Getting there

☐ Waymark Holidays (01753 516477), Explore (01252 319448) and Sherpa Expeditions (0181-577 2717) offer guided walking tours of western Crete.

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WORD-WATCHING

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ZIPPO

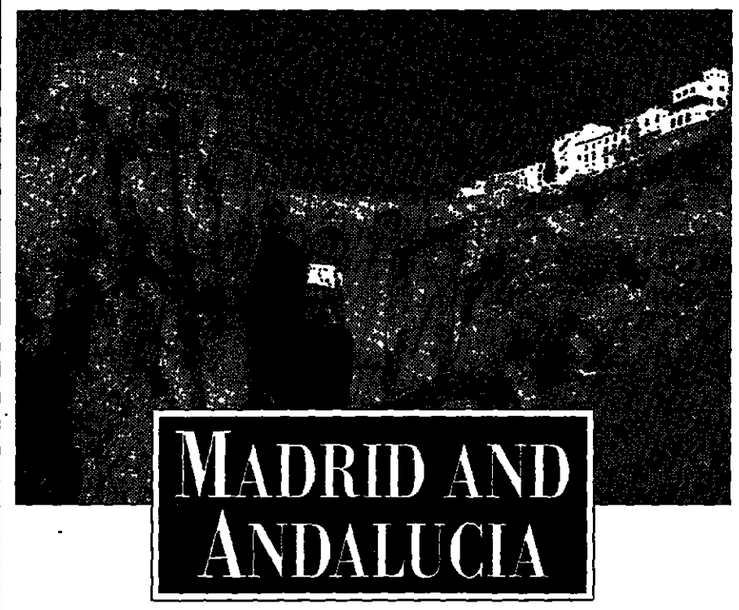
(b) The proprietary name of a make of cigarette lighter. "He extracted one [cigarette] and lit it with an old, tarnished Zippo purchased a quarter of a century ago."

SHAGROON

(a) An early settler in Canterbury, New Zealand, from anywhere except Britain, especially one from Australia. Perhaps from the Irish *seachrán* wandering. "In Canterbury, immigrants from Victoria, locally called shagroons, set up sheep stations on the plains and were contemptuous of the agricultural enterprises of the pilgrims as the Canterbury Association's settlers were called."

TROG

(c) A speleologist, a person without claustrophobia who enjoys exploring caves, and burrowing in narrow places underground. Yuk, an abbreviation of *troglodyte*. These are the trogs, as they cosily call themselves, members of the Sydney Speleological Society, the Sydney University Speleological Society, etc..."



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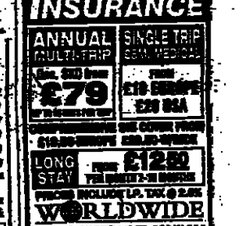
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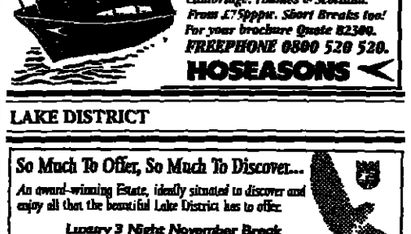
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FUN–LOVING Black African professional (medical) caring lady, 5'3", early 40's, with a great personality, enjoys music, reading, wining and dining and generally the good life. WLTM professional gentleman 40 - 55, with similar interests who is looking for true friendship and possible romance. Photo would be appreciated along with a nice letter ensures reply. Please Reply to Box No 1062

GOLF mad, pretty, n/s, very petite, 5' 1" tall, GSOH, fun and solvent, top drawer secretary (PA), OSOH, aged 40, many interests would like male friendship, preferable Suffolk/Essex. *Photo appreciated Box No 1056*

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I am a cultured, attractive, professional woman, a young fifty-*something with* striking blue eyes and a zest for life, extensively travelled - looking for a well-educated, spirituality aware man, with integrity, who is not "stuck in a rut" and wishes to share log-fires, laughter and life's adventures and opportunities. S.E./London. Please Reply to Box No 1215.

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LONDON based Irish artist, attractive, green eyed brunette, slim, 5'6, 35, WLTM gentle, intelligent, solvent male with GSOH and similar interests, for relationship. Box No 1172.

LOVELY *languishing* Sussex lady seeks single, successful, scintillating soulmate for friendship, fun, future. Age 40 - 50 years. Surrey/London. Photo and tel no. please. Box 1120.

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WARM attractive, blonde, sophisticatedly bohemian wife/ mother, 40, interests WLTM similar, solvent, open minded, open hearted man 45-60, Herts/Home Counties. Photo please. Reply to Box No 1189.

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ADVENTUROUS lawyer, 50s, seeks slim, intelligent capable, initiative lady to tour USA, Canada, Alaska, opposites should do. Dec/Jan. Photo Box 1163.

AGREEABLE imbiber and cook but typical Aries male, 56, seeks a *roofide* unencumbered lover n/s lady max size 12 to enjoy an orderly but comfortable country lifestyle nr. Tun Wells. Box No 1011.

ALLE das neigen Von Herzen zu Herzen... Professional man, mid-50s, seeks good-natured civilised woman who likes music, art, books, film and food, and lives within 2 hours of London. Please write to Box No 1073 who, such is life, is recently photographed.

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A bit honest eligible male (54), shy at first. GSOH, w/heeled, likes, golf, travel, music, photography, many friends, but no one special. You female, 28-34 tall, GSOH, g/looking, confident happy, genuine. Decent letter please photo app. Be truthful as I will be with you ALA. E/Mid based. But travel no problem. Box No 1121.

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CHESHIRE charmg, reasonably attractive professional female (43), would like to hear from a considerate, nice man. Varied interests, all present autumn walks, coastal forays, atmospheric pubs and good restaurants. Reply to Box No 1117.

CLASSY refreshingly American, very attractive, willowy, 5'5, early 40s, cultured, educated, solvent, seeks charming, slim, non smoking, met *jw* professional, 47 55 for serious relationship and to pamper and enjoy arts, travel, dining, London. Photo appreciated. *Please Reply to Box No 0873.*

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LAWYER (38) *In* search of his ideal bride, a tall, slim, attractive lady to share notes over dinner, likes: cinema, theatre, eating out, weekends away and travel. London based. Please Reply to Box No 0937.

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GENTLEMEN

SATURDAY RENDEZVOUS

by Raymond Keene

THIS IS the centenary year of the Hastings tournament, still the premier event of the British chess season. Hastings 1895 was the strongest chess tournament ever held up to that time. It witnessed one of the final efflorescences of the Evans Gambit, before it was shut away in the closet by elite players for 100 years.

White, Tchigorin
Black, Steinitz
Hastings 1895
Evans Gambit

1	e4	e5	2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bc4	Bc5	4	b4	

In a game shortly before the New York world championship, Kasparov sensationally revived the Evans Gambit to score a quick knockout. I had hoped that the championship would produce more examples of this exciting opening. Sadly, it was not to be. Kasparov relied exclusively on the Ruy Lopez (3 Bb5) and the Scotch (3 d4) when the games opened 1 e4 e5.

4	...	Bxb4	5	c3	Ba5
6	0-0	d6			

In earlier games against Tchigorin, Steinitz had persisted with an eccentric defence based on 6 ... Qf6 at this point, which had brought him nothing but trouble.

7	d4	exd4	8	cxd4	Nf6
9	e5	dxe5	10	Ba3	

White invests two pawns in the interests of trapping Black's king in the centre.

10	...	Be6	11	Bb5	

If instead 11 Bxe6 fxe6 12 Qb3 Qd5 is an adequate response.

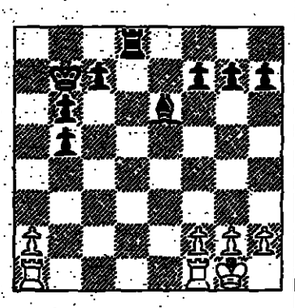
11	...	Qd5	12	Qa4	0-0-0

In the subsequent tournament at St Petersburg Steinitz improved Black's play here with 12 ... Bd7 against Tchigorin and after 13 dxe5 a6 14 exf6 axb5 15 fxg7 Rg8 Black had the better game.

13	Bxc6	bxc6	14	Bc5	Bb6

At this point White could have justified his play with 15 Nxe5 Bxc5 16 Nc3! with a murderous attack since White threatens both Nxd5 and Qa6+. By playing instead for immediate material gain, Tchigorin throws away his advantage.

15	Qa6+	Kb8	16	Nxe5	Nd7
17	Nc3	Nxc5	18	Qe2	Qd6
19	dxc5	Qxc5	20	Na4	Qb5
21	Qxb5	cxb5	22	Nxb6	axb6
23	Nc5+	Kb7	24	Nxd3+	Rxd3



White has initiated a long forcing sequence to win the exchange, but at the end of it he has a virtually lost position. Black enjoys a massive queenside pawn majority, bound to produce two connected passed pawns, and there are no weak points in his camp.

25	a3	c5	26	f3	

Later on, this weakening of the e3 square proves fatal, but without it White cannot get his king into the game.

26	...	Kc6	27	Rfd1	Ra8
28	Kf2	Ra4	29	Ke3	h5
30	Kd2	b4	31	axb4	Rxb4
32	Rdb1	Rxb1	33	Rxb1	b5
34	Ra1	b4	35	Ke2	Kd5
36	Rd1+	Ke4	37	Rd8	Bd5
38	h4	Kd4	39	Rb8	Be6
40	Rb7				

If 40 Rd8+ Black wins easily with 40 ... Ke3.

40	...	g6	41	Rb5	b3+
42	Kb2	c4	43	Rb4	Kd3
44	Rb6	c3+	45	Kb1	Ke3

White resigns.

PUNCHLINE

READERS are invited to write an amusing caption for the cartoon, right. The cartoon, from the Punch library, includes the contemporary caption.

The cartoon will be printed again next week on the Games page with a caption selected from those submitted.

Send caption suggestions on a postcard with your name and address to: Cartoon caption 80, Weekend Games Page, *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN.

The Editor's decision is final.

The closing date for entries is Wednesday, November 1.



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"Quite lifelike, isn't he? We should get a good price for him"

The winning caption for last week's cartoon (above) was submitted by Miss K. Humphreys of Morecambe, Lancashire

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

YAGER
a. A sports jacket
b. A camel driver
c. A rifle

ZIPPO
a. Fast and efficiently
b. A cigarette lighter
c. A comedian

SHAGROON
a. A settler
b. A silver coin
b. Coarse leather

TROG
a. To trim
b. A Scandinavian goblin
c. A caveman

Answers on page 21

COMPUTER GAMES

MARK THATCHER might do well to enter Cyberspace Eighteen, as we're giving away a £200 portable electronic "Routefinder". Made by Philips, the gadget is a must for motorists prone to losing their way from A to B, let alone Z.

Punch in your starting location and then your desired destination and it computes the best route. On-screen instructions guide you all the way to keep you on the right tracks. In addition to the Routefinder, our winner and five runners-up will receive a copy of **Micro Machines '96** for the Sega Mega Drive. This is Codemasters' latest incarnation of the pedigree racing game which now includes a construction-kit feature to allow the design of your own courses.

To enter Cyberspace Eighteen you must nominate a well-known person that you believe to be in need of a Routefinder, such as South Africa-bound Master Thatcher, and explain your reasons.

Cyberspace Eighteen is open to all ages and you can enter as many times as you like. Send your entries, which must be highly legible and include your name, age, address and telephone number, to: Cyberspace Eighteen, Computer Games, Weekend, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. You can also fax entries on 0171-729 6791. The closing date for the competition is midnight on November 7 and the judges will not enter into correspondence.

If you do not know where the Nile is, then **Nile — Passage to Egypt** provides a detailed answer. This CD-Rom comes from Astrion, using footage from the Discovery Channel, and it is an interesting diversion along Africa's mightiest river. You make the entire 4,000-mile journey in a felucca, a traditional Nile sailing vessel, which is a greater feat than you could do in the real thing.

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You can follow the journey straight or jump in at any point via the reference section's extensive index. By capturing pictures of the unfolding footage you can make and save a photographic journal of your journey; you can also make screen wallpaper from these pictures.

Nile — Passage to Egypt is available for Windows and Apple Mac. The title runs much faster if loaded on the hard disk, but it can run directly from the floppy disk if space is at a premium. As it transpires, Brian Cant of *Play Away* fame was wrong about the whereabouts of the Nile. Asked where it was, he replied: "On the back of the door — to hang your dressing-gown on."

TIM WAPSHOTT



Find your way with Routefinder

BRIDGE

by Robert Sheehan

THE world championships finished in Peking a week ago. After eleven days' play the USA won the Bermuda Bowl (the open event), beating Canada in the final. Germany beat the USA in the final of the womens' event, the Venice Cup. The next competition is in 1997.

At international championships there is always a Daily Bulletin. The one in Peking was co-edited by Henry Francis of the USA, and the well-known British player and writer, Brian Senior. Over the next few weeks I shall be covering hands described in the bulletin.

This hand is from the match between Netherlands (East-West) and Argentina.

Dealer East. East-West Vul. IMP's

	♠4 ♥K64 ♦K763 ♣J10954	
♠Q985 ♥J10952 ♦8 ♣A73	N W E S	♠KJ7 ♥AQ83 ♦J95 ♣K82
	♠A10632 ♥7 ♦AQ1042 ♣Q6	

W	N	E	S
Leufkens		Westra	
–	–	1♥	2♥ (1)
4♥	4NT(2)	Dble	5♦
Dble	All Pass		

Contract: Five Diamonds Doubled, by South. Lead: jack of hearts

(1) A 'Michaels cue-bid', in this sequence showing a two-suiter in spades and a minor. (2) Asking South to bid his minor suit.

Leufkens for the Netherlands led the jack of hearts, which held the trick. He then switched to a trump, and the declarer mistakenly continued by drawing three rounds, on which Leufkens threw two hearts.

This left the position shown below. The lead is in dummy.

	♠4 ♥K6 ♦3 ♣J10954	
♠Q985 ♥109 ♦- ♣A73	N W E S	♠KJ7 ♥AQ8 ♦- ♣K82
	♠A10632 ♥7 ♦A2 ♣Q6	

It seems that the declarer can set up the clubs and get out for one off, losing only a heart and two clubs. But when he led a club to the queen, Leufkens played low. Now declarer could no longer get the clubs going, and all he made was five diamond tricks in hand, the ace of spades and a spade ruff, and the queen of clubs, to go three down.

What the declarer should have done was win the first diamond in hand and immediately set about the clubs. Now the best the defence can do is take three tricks.

The team that won the American trials didn't progress beyond the round-robin phase of the Bermuda Bowl. They had their moments though.

Dealer West E/W Vul. IMP's

	♠6 ♥AJ875 ♦J652 ♣1098	
♠AJ1075 ♥KQ109 ♦109 ♣Q2	N W E S	♠KQ942 ♥32 ♦Q843 ♣J6
	♠83 ♥84 ♦AK7 ♣AK7543	

W	N	E	S
Chemla	Burger	Perron	Cayne
1♠	Pass	4♠	5
All Pass			

Contract: Five Clubs by South
Lead: king of hearts

It certainly doesn't look right to bid on the South hand — you have good defence against spades, and too many losers to expect to make Five Clubs. But after the lead of king of hearts the hand is cold. All the declarer has to do is win the ace of hearts, draw two trumps and lead up to the jack of hearts.

The bulletin described what actually happened as a ping-pong match. Pity Eddie Kantar wasn't playing. After Cayne had taken the heart with the ace, he played a spade from dummy. This was presumably because he felt he had to set up a ruff — drawing two trumps first might enable the defence to draw a third round when they won the spade. Perron played low and Chemla won. He could now have led the queen and another heart, and when Perron ruffs with the jack, Chemla's queen of clubs becomes the setting trick. But Chemla returned the ten of diamonds to the jack, queen and ace. Again Cayne could make his contract by drawing trumps, but he led a heart.

This gave Chemla another chance to get the trump promotion, but he led another diamond. Now Cayne cashed his top trumps and made Five Clubs. Before reading on, do you have any views on Chemla's play?

Using the miracles of modern science the press-room manager Anna Gudge was able to e-mail copies of the bulletin round the world. The Internet experts e-mailed back in time for the next issue of the bulletin, exonerating Chemla. The point they spotted was that from West's point of view, playing a third round of hearts could give away the trump position — what if declarer's clubs were headed by A K J? Then if East ruffs with a low club, West's queen will be exposed.

The correct defence is for East to go in with a high spade when one was led from dummy. He can see the possibility of a trump promotion; he returns a heart, and West must trust him and play a third round. All rather easier sitting in front of your computer screen than at the bridge table.

CHESS PUZZLE

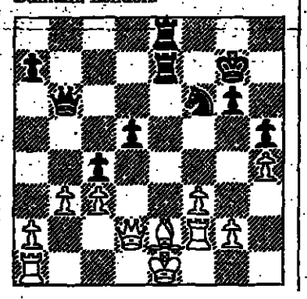
By Raymond Keene

This position is a variation from the game Anand - Kasparov, Intel World Championship, Game 13 1995. The white king is stuck in the centre and is threatened by the dangerous doubled black rooks on the e-file. How can Black exploit this situation to the full?

Send your answers on a postcard to *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday will win a British Chess Magazine publication. The answer will be published next Saturday.

Last week's solution: 1 Rf5

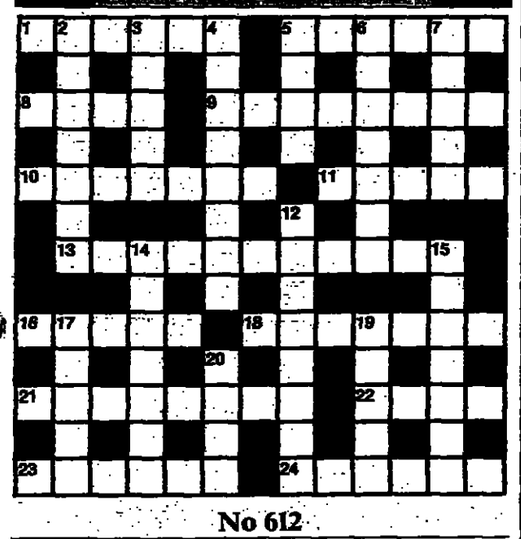
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No 612

ACROSS
1 *Suspend (4,2); an inhibition (4-2)*
5 *French finance minister, 1789; an illusory cube (6)*
8 Strong taste, smell (4)
9 Unimportant (town) (3-5)
10 Firearm bore; distinction (7)
11 Drinking session, romp (5)
13 Inquisition, grilling (5,6)
16 Damp down (flames) (5)
18 Friendly; a drink (7)
21 Tower over (8)
22 Principal; (water) conduit (4)
23 Stop short; lawfully seize (6)
24 Oppressive ruler (6)

DOWN
2 *Unyielding (7)*
3 Beniamino —, (pre-war) tenor (5)
4 Stick out (8)
5 Lack, want (4)
6 Helicopter; cleaver (7)
7 Happen as consequence (5)
12 Fragrant; suggestive (of) (8)
14 Arouse great thoughts, feelings (in) (7)
15 Prevarication (7)
17 Smell, pervasive quality (5)
19 Object, be reluctant (5)
20 Hypocritical, slang talk (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 611
ACROSS: 1 Access 5 Visa 9 Rat race 10 Aghast 11 Pedestal 12-Oliver 15 Ghetto 18 American 20 Credit 22 Express 23 Card 24 Titian
DOWN: 2 Cortes 3 Entrepot 4 Smart 6 Inch 7 Aussie 8 Zealot 13 Indigent 14 Goatee 16 Heroic 17 Nausea 19 Expat 21 Dour

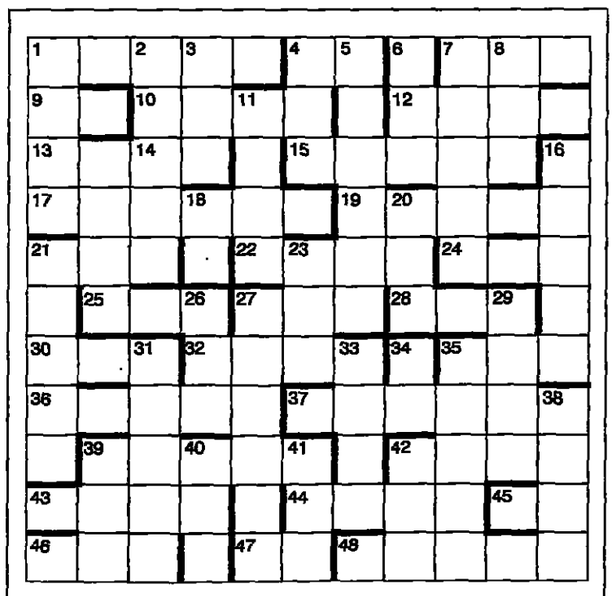
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One row and one column of the diagram corresponds to one of the number bases from 2 to 12 inclusive, in an order to be deduced, and the numerical values of the solutions are to be entered in the diagram in the appropriate number base. Use X = ten, Y = eleven where necessary in base 11 and 12 — eg. 1690 (base 10) would appear as Y8X (base 12) or 12X7 (base 11).

Palindromic solutions, and only palindromic solutions, lead to palindromic diagram entries, and no diagram entry has zero as its first digit.

ACROSS
1 *René's an eccentric to catch in a trap (7)*
4 Girl's picture showing leg on high? (5, hyphened)
7 Rare goose noticed emerging near Evesham initially (4)
9 You could spend this in Japanese newsagent's (3)
10 Negligent concerning woman's title (6)
12 Bridge supporter's confusion with queen ... (4)
13 ... South's one who rants, "A counterfeit" (4)
15 Organic matter has strong smell, engulfing Uruguay (5)
17 Evenly serried before (3)
19 Man perhaps is liberal European (4)
21 A shovel to strip off the rind (4)
22 Maria Callas largely transformed musical direction (10, two words)
24 Arnie's manuscript arrangement is almost a hit (8, two words)
25 Two articles in equal quantities (3)
27 *Surround in the minefield (5, two words)*
28 Take in Indian nursemaid's melody (4)
30 Thorns of tree on board ... (6)
32 *... pierce body of ship in port (4)*
35 Promiscuously have intercourse — hide first! (8, hyphened)
36 Sides of Aconcagua producing lava (2)
37 *Quiet, unwell? Take this! (4)*
39 Word-play is of central importance to Capek, Chaucer, Synge (3)
42 She'll go after bent nails, making coiled protection for mollusc (10, hyphened)
43 Expressing contempt for Area Health Authority (3)
44 List of options in computer destroyed: P.C. tiro dismissed! (4)
45 *The French saints are inferior ...* (4)
46 ... assurance partly found in Koran (4)
47 Unaccompanied girl after a top Prince (9, two words)
48 Sloping in when I pushed back (6)

DOWN
1 Uncle beginning to undress big bird ... (4)
2 ... fascinating woman, separating partners with anger (5)
3 Man's optical device (4)
4 Weapon, originally exquisitely pointed, effectively edgeless (4)
5 Almost point to spike (4)
6 Little Mary, we hear, having short garment (4)
7 South Arkansas rains destroyed buckwheat (8)
8 Dark blue money-bag for listener (5)
11 It's used to see the sights in Greenock (2)
14 A dash to prevail upon government (4)
16 Everyone captured by barbarian retreating in ravine (6)
18 Flower, one in Lesotho (3)
20 Outwardly restrain! (4)
21 Chieftain with priest going up, first in order of rank (5)
23 See Cheltenham perhaps, in Cotswolds package tour (3)
26 A long time in the rain (3)
27 Close of day contracted in East Nebraska (3)
29 Scots dry measure comprising half-pint (twice) and last third of bushel, mixed (6)
31 Poultry disease — give someone this to annoy (3)
33 Secures cut-back (4)
34 Total weight of loaded aircraft, one draw-back (5, hyphened)
35 Leading undergraduate, being in the money, is to go on (6)
38 Contribute towards success of dynamite record — one by the Beatles (4)
39 Japanese dish: fish soup eccentric for rejected (5)
40 Beer festival (3)
41 Sedentary, energy is less used (7)
42 *Damages planet (4)*



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Solution to No. 3326: X by Ossie

Because of the fourfold symmetry, the typical cell, and so the typical word, has seven reflexions: therefore the groups of other than eight words contain some (a) or all (E and F) words that reflect onto themselves across the non-diagonal axes, and their words must be of even length. It follows that no word can be 7, 9 or 11 letters long, and that no 3- or 5-letter words can straddle either of the non-diagonal axes.

ACROSS: 6 comp anag. & lit (ref. 5 & Simple Simon) 13 ▪ (anag reversed) & lit 15 *s v* cant 18 AP-S-E ▪ AP - points 19 (J)udo 23 Au-then-ti(n)-City 25 *cf* Sir 27 int(est)ine 30 Cnut; L. Durrell 32 S to W, *cf* E to N 33 sedan-erg, & lit 39 *(dem)esne-c-y, & lit*

DOWN: 4 *s v* Ida 6* divine ▪ make out 9 (Rom) anise 16 *den in rot, & lit* 17 *hidden, & lit* 24 *owl in ye-y, & lit* 26 *rum, l-a"*, & lit 29 even letters 34 *cf* emu 35 dos(sier)

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The M25 madness that drove Parkinson to discs

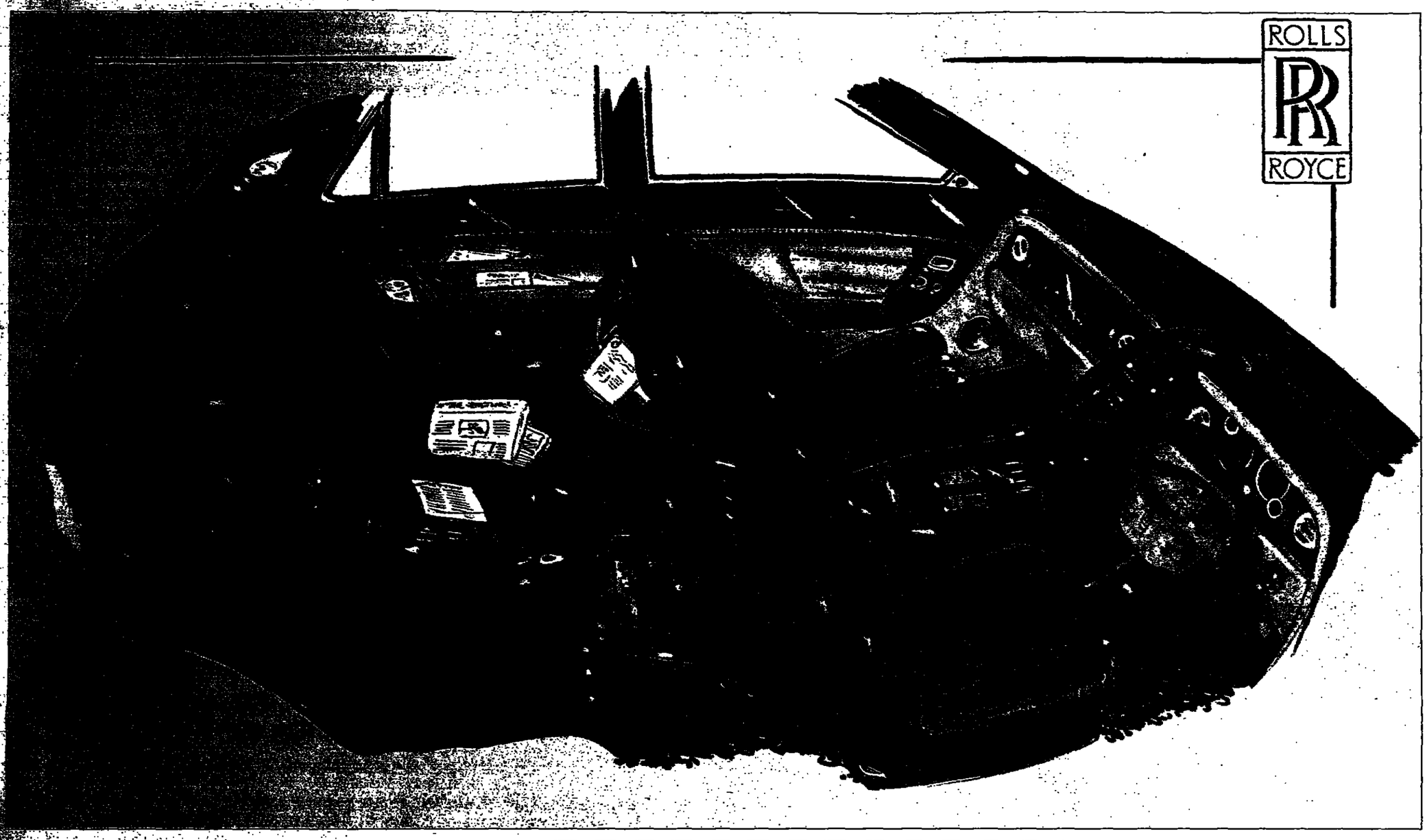


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SATURDAY OCTOBER 28 1995

Kevin Eason reports from the London Motor Show on a classic remodelled specifically for our readers

The Thunderer: a Rolls for our Times



The Middle Eastern princess was quite certain what colour her new Rolls-Royce should be: purple inside and out, but exactly the same purple as the top of her two exquisite scent bottles.

To be sure, she gave the Rolls' salesman one top — and kept the other to check it was a perfect match when it arrived. The car was delivered and she held the bottle top against the paintwork ... it was exactly the same.

Rolls-Royce customers can be a demanding bunch, as Darren Day knows after a week on the company's stand at the London Motor Show. The young stylist took his pencils and pens to Earls Court to draw bespoke interiors for customers who want the traditional Rolls' wood and leather, but precisely to their taste. In five days, 16 people paid their £10,000 deposit on a car and then sat with Day as he translated their colour schemes and fabrics into a personal design.

"People are not just buying a car with a Rolls-Royce and they often want to make a statement about themselves by choosing the colours and interior materials," he says.

So we asked Day to design a Rolls-Royce for *The Times*, a limousine of the future to which all *CAR 95* readers could aspire, given a win on the National Lottery. His brief was to produce a four-door that would double as business transport during the week and take the family to the park on Saturday. A man or woman — aged from 25 to mature — had to be comfortable at the wheel and not feel the car was too ostentatious for the austerity of the 1990s. The concept (above) is a dramatically sleek compact saloon with a futuristically stylish interior for our demanding readers.

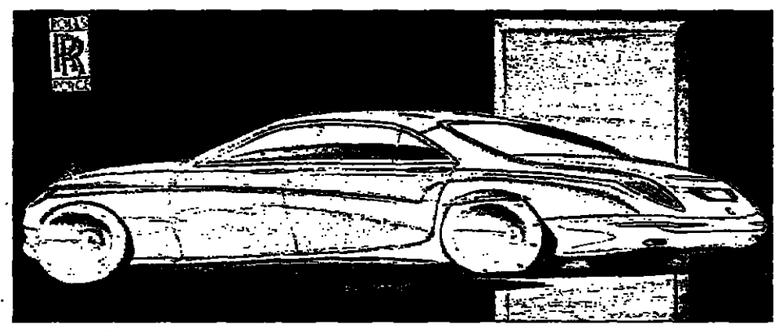
Not as demanding, though, as Rolls' customers who could easily spend £50,000 if they chose the rarest materials and the most complex fittings for their bespoke cars. One man arrived this week wanting a Bentley Azure but in a completely individual version; his budget was £200,000 on top of the £215,000 cost of the car. Another Azure customer was worried that it would be unable to cope with his army of children and holiday luggage that included skis, so Day designed a boot lid rack and trunk with satin chrome fittings and leather straps.

Sometimes the challenge is to persuade customers to drop their more colourful ideas. Day says: "We had a man who wanted an all-blue Continental R for his wife, but it just wouldn't work. I altered it by adding some grey and patterned hides to break up the blue. He liked it so much, he has had the same design for his own Bentley Turbo."

What would CAR 95 *readers like if they could design their own, unique Rolls-Royce? Send your ideas to us at CAR 95, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. No drawings necessary, although welcome. Best entry receives a special Spirit of Ecstasy mascot.*

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- This car doubles for business and leisure so electronics have to be versatile. The lap-top computer, which folds into the front seat back, can also take computer games to entertain the children on long journeys, while the seats are designed to fold into compact child chairs.
- During the week, the walnut-lined centre panel has a fax machine and two mobile phones fitted above it. At the weekend, with the children safely strapped in, the leather phone panel folds down, covering the fax to reveal a walnut door to a two-bottle fridge with drinks cans and glasses.
- Plenty of pocket room in rear doors for books and papers is supplemented by slots which will take drinks cans or bottles. Folding picnic trays on seat backs help keep debris out of hard-wearing lambswool carpets.



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FRONT SEAT CONFIGURATION

- The *CAR 95* Rolls-Royce retains traditional burr walnut and leather in St James's red, offset by magnolia, but in a radically different form, the dashboard having a "floating console" with overlaid, satin chrome dials and slimline switchgear. Day has also kept the hallmark "bullseye" air vents.
- Extra space is created by losing the gear stick, which becomes a two-button auto shift on the steering wheel, similar to the press-button system used on Formula One cars. Twin car phones go into the gap, while a screen for a route navigation system is to the left of the dashboard dials.
- The curves introduced in the dash extend to the front doors, which follow the sweeping roof line, but allow extra legroom at each side, while each door gets strengthened leather pockets for maps and papers.



Better by design: Darren Day styles the concept car

Learned lady

A WOMAN reading *The Times* ... but not just any woman. This is the famous Spirit of Ecstasy which has flown atop the bonnets of Rolls-Royce cars since 1910. Even the Spirit needs to be entertained and informed, according to Tony Garrett from the graphics department of *The Times*, who came up with this slightly tongue-in-cheek version of the mascot as the figurehead for our special Rolls-Royce, designed by Darren Day.



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AA GRIDLOCK GUIDE

● **LONDON**
A406 *North Circular Road*, Upper Edmonton. Major roadworks between the Lea Valley Viaduct and Fore Street, which cause regular delays.
A406 North Circular Road, East Finchley. Down to one lane in parts between the A1 and the A1000 for major roadworks.
A400 *West End.* Major resurfacing work in Tottenham Court Road between Oxford Street and Goodge Street.

● **SOUTH EAST**
M25 Surrey. Two sets of roadworks and lane closures, between J6 and J8 (Godstone-Reigate) and J9 to J10 (Leatherhead-A3).
M4 Berkshire. Major roadworks *between junctions 6 and 8/9.*
M11 Essex. Major repair work, *with a contraflow between junctions 6 and 7 (M25-Harlow).*
M3 Hampshire. From 8pm today until 9am tomorrow, motorway is closed in both *directions between junctions 4* and 4A (Camberley-Fleet Services) for bridge work. Same closure last week over-ran and caused lengthy tailbacks.

● **SOUTH WEST**
M5 Gloucestershire. Contra*flow between J11 and J12* (Cheltenham-Gloucester).
A35 Dorset. Major roadworks between Morecombelake and Charmouth, with traffic reduced to a *single lane.*

● **MIDLANDS AND EAST ANGLIA**
M6 West Midlands. Contraflow between J5 and 6 (A452-A38M) with three narrow lanes each way and speed restrictions.
A1 Lincolnshire. Major roadworks and contraflow between *Stamford and Grantham.*
A17 Lincolnshire. Leadenham Bypass closed for roadworks from 7am to 7pm every Sunday until 19 November.
A47 Terrington St John, Norfolk. Down to one lane east*bound for construction work.*
M45 Northamptonshire. Whole of motorway closed eastbound until 9am tomorrow.

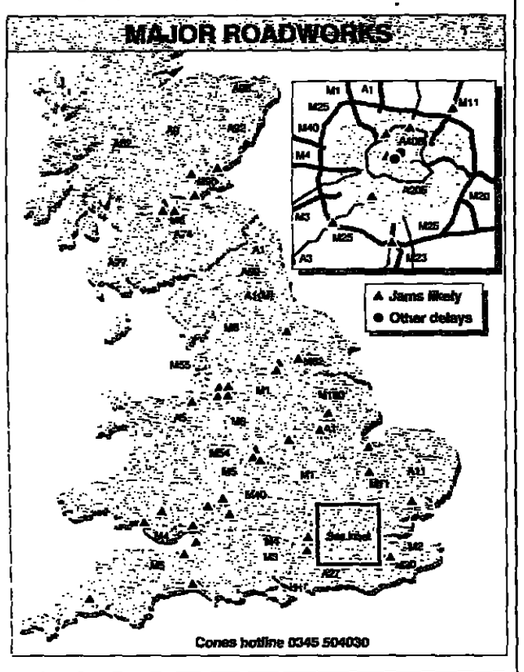
● **NORTH**
M1 J47, Leeds, West Yorkshire. Roadworks and contraflow, two lanes each way during peak-times.
M62 *West Yorkshire.* Lane closures for roadworks on the slip roads at the Lofthouse interchange (with the M1) mean regular delays.
A64 *North Yorkshire.* Major roadworks and a contraflow at Tadcaster.
A1 North Yorkshire. Major roadworks with contraflow at Walshford.
M6 Cheshire.. Major widening work near the Thelwall viaduct, between J20 and 21a (Lymm-Croft).
M6 Greater Manchester Roadworks *between junctions 25* and 26.
A6 Cheshire. Major resurfacing on Buxton Road at Disley, with temporary traffic lights.
A58 Bolton. Crompton Way is reduced to one lane in each *direction because of resurfac*ing work.

● **WALES**
M4 J22-J24, Gwent, widening work continues in connection with the second Severn crossing.
M4 Mid Glamorgan Lane closures in both directions for *major roadworks between* junctions 36 and 37.
A449 and A40 Gwent. Major works between Newport and Monmouth, with much of the *route down to a single lane.*
A40 Gwent Major roadworks on Hereford Road, Abergavenny expected to cause delays.
A465 West Glamorgan. Major roadworks and contraflow at *Glynneath interchange.*
A548 Clwyd. Major roadworks and contraflow between Oakenholt and Kelsterton.

● **SCOTLAND**
A725 Strathclyde. Major roadworks with contraflow on *Bellshill* bypass between Orbiston and Bellshill roundabouts until tomorrow evening.
A77 Glasgow. Major roadworks at junction of Eglinton Street, Pollokshaws Road and Cavendish Street cause regular delays.
A749 Glasgow. Dalmarnock Bridge closed southbound for major roadworks.
M80 Central Region Major roadworks with contraflow at junction 5.
M90 *Fife. Major roadworks with* contraflow between junctions 1 and 2.

● **NORTHERN IRELAND**
County Tyrone. Roadworks on Omagh bypass at junction with Derry Road and Drumquin Road.

MAJOR ROADWORKS



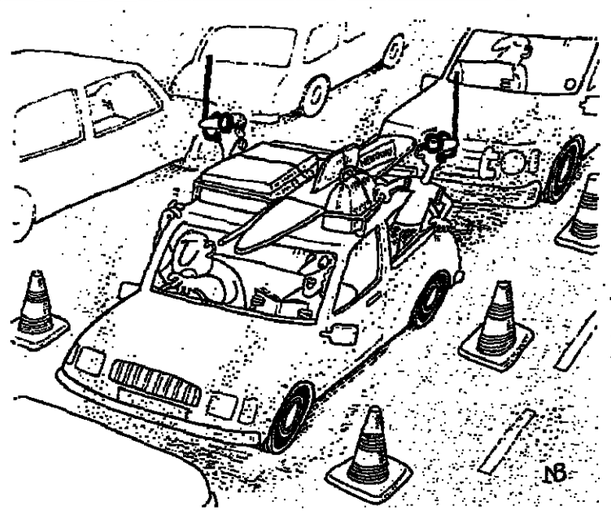
We are all environmentalists now — but, despite our smug little stickers, our car exhausts are still killing people

Motoring really can be murder

DRIVEN TO DISTRACTION



Peter Barnard



When the computer system at a West Country garage got its wires crossed, it started delivering 4-star petrol to people who thought they were pumping unleaded and vice versa. There was some damage to cars with catalytic converters, but most people did not notice any difference.

Although I am not very good at *chemistry, I do know that unleaded* fuel contains no lead and 4-star *contains not very much lead.* That is part of the reason why the famed "greening of Margaret Thatcher", under which there was an incentive to run on unleaded fuel through reduced duty, was a sham: oil companies are years ahead of governments in reducing lead content.

The bigger part of the sham was that if you take the lead out of petrol, you must put something else in to control the combustion of the fuel. So, in place of lead, the fuel contains benzines, which can cause cancer. But unlike lead, benzines do not *raise the octane level of the fuel,* therefore we accelerate more — thus burning more petrol — to get the performance lead would give us.

The truth about unleaded fuel is that there is little point to it without a catalytic converter, which really does help the environment, so a government that was genuinely green should think about how to deal with all those cars without "cats".

This need *is given particular point* in a week when a World Health *Organisation report has claimed* that there is no such thing as a safe level of sulphur or soot. Particles of these materials, mostly, but by no means exclusively, from vehicles are said to be killing 10,000 Britons a year. The motorist as murderer is not a very pleasant image.

Unfortunately, the motoring public has been conned into thinking that the debate is over: smug behind our little green unleaded stickers, we have convinced ourselves that we are *doing all we can.* To a large *extent* we are right. But the fact that vehicle pollution is almost as big a problem in the rural areas as it is in towns demonstrates that motorways are serving to spread the poison, and there is a very simple solution.

A leading cause of pollution is lines of cars with engines running that are going nowhere because of roadworks. Twice in the past week I *have seen long motorway queues* caused almost entirely by bone*headed management of road re*pairs: an army of cones blocking part of the M4 at junction 8/9 was followed by another army of the red monsters blocking the area near junction 6, so that one lot of chaos simply merged into the next.

This is like the old problem with the gas board digging up the road one day followed by the water board digging it up the next. Sensible co-operation has largely rid us of that disease, but now it seems that one lot of roadworks is oblivious to the next.

The problem could be solved in a trice, but there is no political capital in taking such a step, so no one bothers. How much more dramatic to encourage the use of unleaded fuel! Dramatic, but sadly useless.

A MAN in Toronto who thought he might have had too much to drink the night before, drove his car to the police station one morning, hit something while parking and eventually staggered into the station to ask for a breath test. The police, having watched his parking manouevre, tested him positive and arrested him for "driving while impaired" (don't you just love those Canadian euphemisms?).

The incident has caused outrage on the ground that the driver was *locked up "for doing the right thing".* So the right thing to do when you're *drunk is to get in a car and drive to a* police station seeking confirmation. Anyone who thinks that must be, well, impaired.

Green for danger warning

Motorists with cars designed for unleaded fuel are finding it causes damage, says **Tony Dawe**

DENZIL McNEELANCE



Eric Ginn and his Rover 820Si: "Both the head gasket and the gearbox had gone in the first three months after I bought it at ten months old"

The dangers of using unleaded and newly-*introduced fuels, even* in some cars designed *to take them, are being* highlighted by mechanics, motor*ing organisations and even the* carmakers themselves.

They report a growing number of faults, especially engine valves burning out, and warn motorists to double-check the fuel they are using and to buy petrol with additives whenever possible. Their warnings are timely as supermarket chains and petrol companies are vying with rivals to offer cheaper and new environmentally-friendly fuels.

Problems have been identified in the new range of Zetec engines in many Ford saloons and hatchbacks — which are designed to take unleaded petrol — and in Rovers with A-series engines, fitted to models such as the Metro, Maestro and Montego, which have *suffered valve failures after* using the new LRG (Lead Replacement Gasoline) fuel.

Among victims is Eric Ginn, *of north London, who suffered* a double blow when the valves *failed in his Rover 820Si,* which takes unleaded petrol, *because he uses his car in his* job with a company providing a chauffeur-driven service for businesses.

"Both the head gasket and the gearbox had gone in the first three months after I bought the car, which had been only ten months old with 9,000 miles on the clock," he says. "Then the engine started pinking. I thought it was the timing, but the noise got worse. It was embarrassing, picking up people who were paying top money to be taken about, only to find themselves in a rattler."

Chris Patience, AA's head of technical support, says that lead in petrol contributes to the overall octane of the fuel and lubricates the valves. "If you take it out," he says, "it's like *moving from 4-star to 3-star* petrol and causes erratic running and pinking. It also affects the valves, especially soft cast-iron valve seats fitted in many engines.

"Without the lead lubricant, the valve gradually hammers *its way down through the seat* on every stroke, making the conical surface recess into the cylinder head. If you have an engine with soft valve seats, it must run on fuel containing sufficient lead to protect them. If you run on unleaded, you will get hot spots and the valves will burn out."

Mr Ginn's Rover was supposed to have hardened valve seats, but that did not prevent his problems. "When I called Rover's customer services department, all the man did was read out an advert for Shell advanced petrol and told me to use it," he says.

Enfield trading standards department took up with his case with Rover, and the company eventually agreed to meet half the £562 cost of replacing the valves.

"I paid up the other half, but the way Rover has treated me has been disgusting," he adds. "The car has been off the road for five weeks which, in my job, means I have lost five weeks' wages."

> 'You get hot spots and the valves burn out'

Mr Ginn believes the 820 engine has not been designed sufficiently well to take unleaded petrol, but Dennis Chick, *Rover's communications director, says his problem* must have been an isolated one. He does admit, however, that the Rover A-series engines are vulnerable to valve seat recession and some have been damaged after using LRG, a new unleaded petrol with a valve seat recession additive.

"We have tested the additive, and discovered that under different driving conditions the fuel will not give the protection leaded fuel provides," Mr Chick says. "We have warned customers with leaded engines to stick to 4-star."

David Mir, a former AA technician, who now runs Mir-Tech, a motor engineering company, in Dorking, Surrey, says: "Colleagues and I have come across several cases like Mr Ginn's of cars supposed to run on unleaded suffering valve and head failure, including examples of the valves seizing up on the new Zetec engines. To my mind, the best answer to these problems is to lower the lead content in fuel, but not remove it altogether."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Range over

SO FAREWELL, then, classic Range Rover. That definitive boxy shape is to be made no more, even though it refused to die with *the introduction of the streamlined version. Rover is ending* assembly of the Range Rover Classic with a special edition of 25 *cars, one for each year of production. With 3.9-litre V8 and just* about every specification in the catalogue, the Range Rover *Classic 25th Anniversary Final Edition* costs £40,000.

Contest in stereo

ENTRIES for our competition to win a JVC stereo worth £299 is open until next Saturday. The ten KS-RT808R units we have to give away are the latest in automotive sounds with a voice identifier, RDS automatic channel tuning and automatic equalisation to give a choice of acoustics from concert hall to pop studio. JVC is showing the systems at the London Motor Show this weekend, along with its extensive range of equipment. Just answer these questions: Who *is* the presenter of BBC Radio Three's new morning show? What does RDS stand for? Who created Radio Four's *Desert Island Discs*? Answers to *Car 95* Radio Quiz, 1, Pennington Street, London E1 9XN.

Rally for victims

DOZENS of cars will take part in a rally for the Stroke *Association next Saturday — with the promise of an exciting trip* with a famous driver in a famous car at the winning post. The *start and finish is at Castle Combe race circuit, near* Chippenham, Wiltshire, with entrants stopping at BP petrol stations *en route to collect points. John Surtees, Paddy Hopkirk* and Tiff Needell will be waiting with a clutch of cars (Jaguar D-Type, Ford *GT40 and more*) to give trips around the *circuit, but* anyone can join the fun to raise funds. Further details on 01392-211267 or fax: 01392-413576.

Slowing down

THERE is just no hope: latest department of Transport statistics show central London traffic roaring along at an average *12.9mph in the evening rush hour, slower than in 1981* when cars, cabs and buses positively charged about at 14.1mph and not *much better than the days of horse-drawn transport.* Mornings are little better, with traffic managing 13.5mph compared with 14.2mph *14 years ago. Time to go back to a pony and trap.*

Barchetta arrives

FIAT will bring its gorgeous Barchetta sports car into Britain for £13,994. A "comfort pack" of leather upholstery, gear knob and steering wheel, central locking, electric radio aerial and door mirrors, passenger airbag and front fog lights comes as a £1,399 extra. Power steering, engine immobiliser and electric windows are standard — but the car is left-hand drive only.

NEW FUEL: AN AA GUIDE

The AA offers this guide to some of the new types of fuel available at petrol stations and supermarkets:

■ **LRG (Lead Replacement Gasoline)**
Being promoted by ASDA, this is basically a super unleaded fuel, pepped up with aromatics and a valve seat recession additive to achieve the octane equivalent of leaded 4-star. In some places, it has been badged as 4-star, but it could be damaging to use it in engines designed to take leaded petrol.

Tesco Low Benzene Unleaded
This fuel has been specially created to be environmentally-friendly with low levels of benzene (a cancer-causing chemical in high doses) and reduced sulphur and aromatics contents and can be used by all cars that normally run on unleaded petrol.

Shell Low Lead 4-star
As the name suggests, the normal lead content has been halved in this petrol but it still provides adequate protection for those engines with soft valve seats like the Rover A-series. It can be used by all cars that normally run on 4-star, but not those with catalytic converters.

The AA adds the following advice for all motorists
- If you can, always use ordinary premium unleaded petrol
- If you need to use 4-star, then do so or use low-lead 4-star
- If you use diesel in a town or city, consider using low sulphur or city diesel
- Always use petrol with detergent additives. These fuels are becoming increasingly common, even at the cut-price supermarkets, which advertise them clearly. If you cannot see any indications that the petrol contains additives, then assume it does not.

World speed bid set for late summer

RICHARD NOBLE'S Thrust SSC team will be in head-to-head competition next year with a powerful American bid to be first to put a car through the sound barrier.

Noble told more than 350 people at a forum organized by *CAR 95* this week that the race towards the historic landmark could be resolved by next summer on the flat sands of Arizona's Black Rock desert.

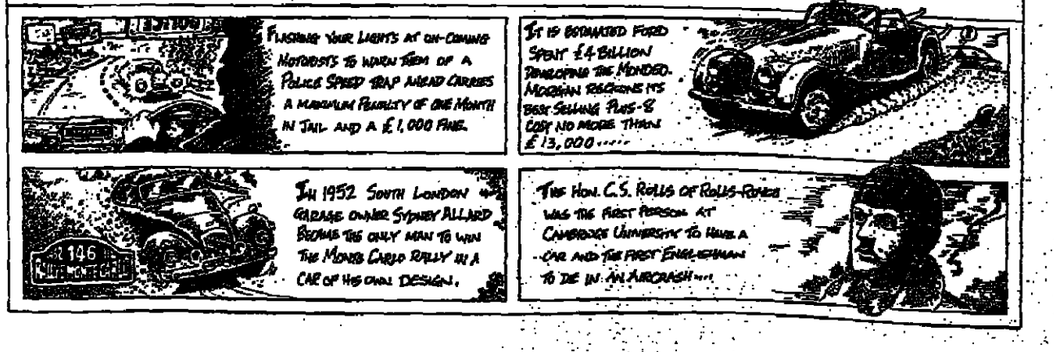
Thrust SSC, the seven-ton *monster being seen by more* than 20,000 people a day at *the London Motor Show,* could be ready for testing in *the spring with the record* attempt in late summer. However, Craig Breedlove is also racing to have his Spirit of America, sponsored by General Motors, ready in time.

For Noble, it is as much a dash for cash as a quest to break the technical barriers to guarantee that the 54-foot long Thrust does not decide to take off as its pointed nose pushes towards Mach 1. The quest for sponsorship was a daily grind to guarantee the unique project went ahead, he said.

Interest in the project is now enormous. An estimated two billion people around the world have seen films of Thrust SSC while 300,000 subscribers to the Internet in 60 countries follow its progress. Another 24,000 join the electronic information service each week and there are 2,300 members of the project's Mach 1 Club.

Thrust is at the show at London's Earls Court this weekend.

AUTOFAX *by David Long and Les Evans*



Television's Chris Barrie talks to **Kevin Eason** about the off-the-wheel characters he plays in his new video

You don't have to be mad, but . . .



JOHN HALL

Chris Barrie: "I always wanted to do something related to motoring because there is as much inspiration in the people as in the cars themselves"

Chris Barrie is a model of normality as he leans against the long, pointed bonnet of his E-Type Jaguar. But the classic car buffs and motorists he observes have grown into a gallery of the eccentric and plain barmy in his latest video.

The star of television's *The Brittas Empire* and *Red Dwarf* just had to draw on the experience of a lifetime's passion for cars to find the characters that make up the cast of the Surley Manor Automotive Gala, a gathering which bears as much relation to the London Motor Show as a Saturday soccer match at Crewe Alexandra would to the World Cup Final.

The cast for *Chris Barrie's Motoring Wheel Nuts* are a motley crew of enthusiasts, the same oddball characters that anybody who spends time around cars encounters at least once in a motoring lifetime.

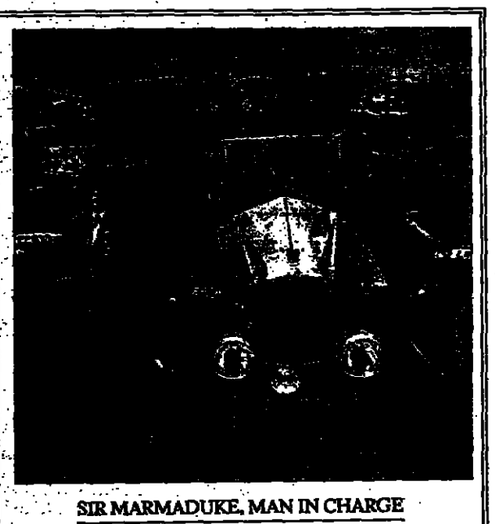
Barrie says: "I always wanted to do something related to motoring because there is as much inspiration in the people as in the cars themselves."

Barrie plays all the principal characters, starting with the star of the show, Sir Marmaduke Lovetuesday, who has little or no love for cars. Holding the Surley Manor Automotive Gala in the grounds of his crumbling and deeply mortgaged ancestral home is just a ruse to get as many ticket-paying customers through the door as possible.

Inevitably, he attracts everyone, from Vic Beresford, car bore on an Olympic scale to Darren and Shameen, a couple sad enough to see their Suzuki Vitara as the epitome of motoring excellence.

They reach their intellectual pinnacle when watching the gala procession of classics. Shell-suited Shameen worries: "I'll bet that one hasn't got a catalysmic converter. He should buy a new one."

The ultimate Essex couple, whose aspirations would be to buy ever more expensive cars no matter how vulgar, are the antithesis of Barrie's own personality. His regular transport is a Land Rover Defender 110 with a diesel engine, while his indulgence is that E-Type, which he bought ten years ago for £14,000. Born in West Germany, the son of a serviceman, cars were never really part of the family enthusiasms. Barrie took a break from rehearsals for the new series of *Red Dwarf* to mull over where his enthusiasm for old cars sprang from.



SIR MARMADUKE, MAN IN CHARGE

The trouble with the working classes is that they *interrupt Sir Marmaduke Lovetuesday's* drinking time. But they do bring with them lots of lovely money; smashing moolah to keep the drinks cabinet full and the bailiff from the grand oak doors of the crumbling manor house. Sir Marmaduke, one of the nation's less noble noblemen, hit on the idea of opening Surley Manor for an automotive gala when he realised that it meant he could take a £20 note off every driver coming through the gate. Even the drink doesn't affect the memory when you can take another £20 for the right to take a family snapshot to remember the day. Oh, and another £20 for a glass of champagne.

"I had a Scalextric when I was a boy, like everyone else. But there was nothing in the family that helped me form an attachment to the classic cars that I enjoy now," he says. "My father only ever had conventional cars and has a Citroën Xantia now. I have no real interest in motorsport, but I do like cars which have nostalgia. I love cars with history. I have no idea why, but they are the models that I look for."

Barrie has several classics tucked away. Sadly, he is reluctant to talk about them in an age when jealousy too often reigns over admiration for models seen as rich men's playthings.

"I don't like to say too much because people will think I'm showing off. It's not like that. I started driving an old Volkswagen Beetle and progressed to a Ford Fiesta. But I learnt basic mechanics on motorcycles. I've had Triumph Bonnevilles, a BSA 650 . . . quite a line of bikes over the years.

"I've had some bad reactions from people when I have been out in my cars, which I find sad. There are too many people who are motivated by envy when they could enjoy these lovely old cars."

> Characters came from a lifetime's passion for cars

Models featured in the video range from a splendid 1929 Rolls-Royce Phantom I, worth around £70,000, and a £150,000 1924 Vauxhall 30/98 to a Jaguar XJ220, all 200mph and £300,000 worth. There is a Hillman Imp — which spends the hour-long video broken down, a condition probably not unfamiliar to former Imp owners — and a valuable 1934 London Taxi, while bringing up the rear is a battered VW Polo on loan from private owners who entered its value as £37.50.

Vic Beresford, the video's resident "know-all", would look down on such foreign rubbish as the Polo. He is a *British Leyland man through* and through, and erstwhile committee member of the Vanden Plas Owners' Club, who only left to form his breakaway organisation after a schism over the merits of roof racks.

His trite advice bounces off Bertie Trubshaw, the video's vulgar cad, but could drive Roger Snetterton to distraction. Roger turns up at Surley Manor apopletic after a day's road rage on his way to the gala. Cut up Roger's Ford Probe, and it is at your own peril . . . unless you happen to be over 6ft and a man, and then you might well have been right to move to the inside lane; everyone else is subjected to a stream of Roger's Liverpudlian abuse.

None of that bothers Spike, the hippie who takes his beloved Morris 1000 Traveller to the gala. Spike smokes herbal cigarettes and worries about peace and love and caring and sharing with his little car, Nobby. Quite whether he grasped the concept of the modern garage workshop is a mystery though. He confesses: "I have a holistic mechanic. I took Nobby in so he could look at his clutch, but he wanted to treat the whole car. Wow!"

Motorists the world over will identify with Spike's story, having taken cars for a minor repair and ended up spending more than its value. Little did they know it was just holistic treatment.

'Chris Barrie's Motoring Wheel Nuts' (15) is released next week by BBC Video, price £12.99.



SPIKE, FROM HERE TO MORECAMBE

"O K, yeah man. Like, a car isn't just a car. This is Nobby." Hippie Spike and his girlfriend, Chrissy, are at the show, not to see gleaming supercars but to get in tune with the universe. You know, like to be there and feel the groove. And in Nobby's cute little Morris 1000 Traveller, complete with environmentally-friendly wooden frame and a boot big enough for Spike's guitar. Not that Spike wants to put little Nobby, whose daily diet is a lubrication of eucalyptus oil, through the rigours of the Surley Manor concours, because the Traveller is more of a friend, a home, a "vehicle to take you to the ends of the earth". Well, Morecambe at any rate, which is Spike and Nobby's next weekend destination.

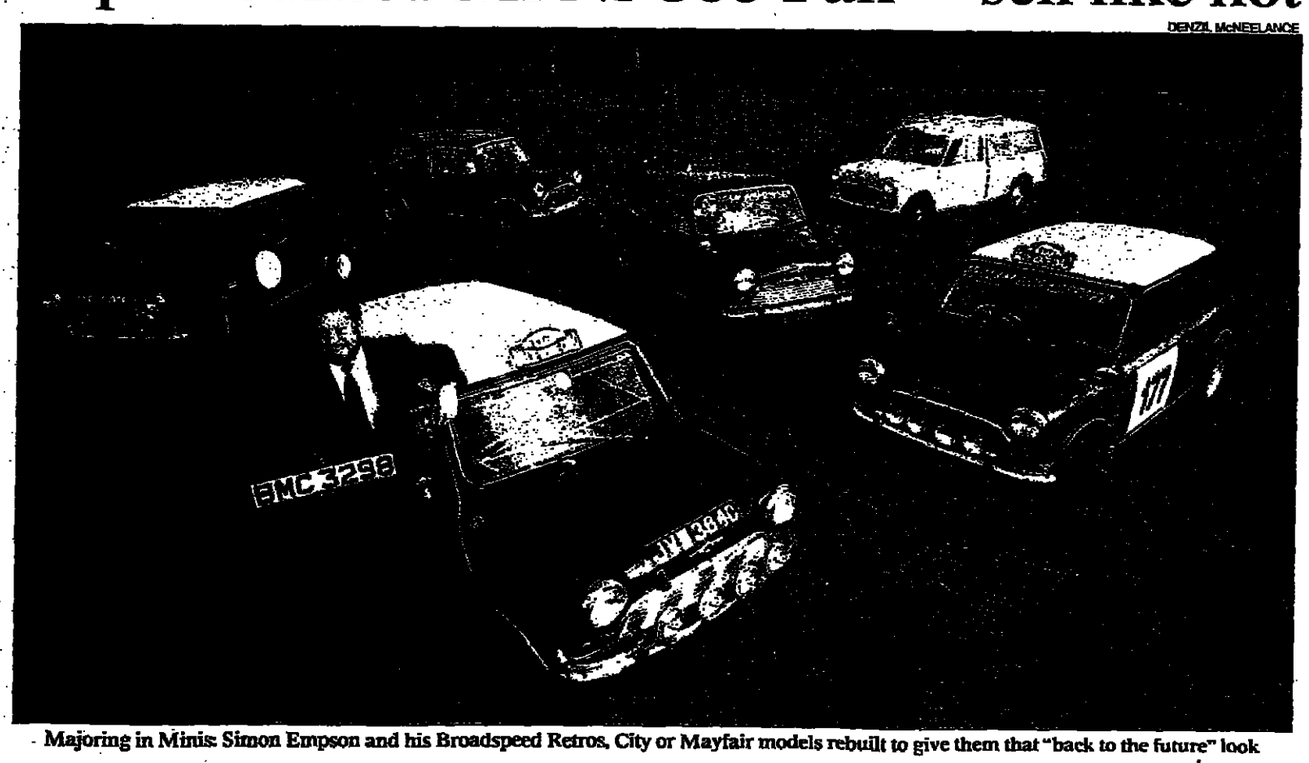


BERTIE TRUBSHAW, ULTIMATE BOUNDER

What Bertie Trubshaw really needs is a car with a very, very, *very* long bonnet. Unfortunately, the message the cravat-clad Bertie wants to communicate to girls about his classic E-type Jaguar has little to do with performance and a lot to do with ride and handling. Poor Bertie is one of life's lounge lizards, an ultimate bounder who cannot chart his way through a single sentence without a double meaning, especially when confronted with the fluttering eyelashes of Sir Marmaduke's pouting maid, whose charms are enough to convince Bertie to drink champagne, even at £20 a glass. Problem is that Bertie's bonnet might be long, but the exhaust pipe is positively droopy, so our cad's hopes of a quick pick-up lead only to a slow breakdown.

Where BMC 3298 — pronounced Mi-Ni-Coo-Pah — sell like hot pancake

David Long discovers that an icon of the Sixties is still swinging in Japan



DENZIL McNEELANCE

Majoring in Minis: Simon Empson and his Broadspeed Retros, City or Mayfair models rebuilt to give them that "back to the future" look

Simon Empson sells more than 2,000 number plates a month . . . all exactly the same. Each one says BMC 3298 and is attached to a Mini that might be regarded as a classic in this country, a variant of a model in production for the past 36 years, but is the height of motoring fashion in Japan.

BMC was the original parent company of Austin and Morris, who made Minis. As for 3298, there is absolutely no particular significance. Add them together, though, and pronouncing BMC 3298 in Japanese sounds remarkably like Mi-Ni-Coo-Pah, a quirk which has the Japanese queuing in the showrooms.

Everybody loves a Mini, but Empson now happily knows that nobody loves them quite as much as the Japanese. A former Rolls-Royce salesman and classic Ferrari dealer until the collapse of the late 1980s, Empson could not fail to notice on a business trip to Japan the enthusiasm for Minis in every shape, size and type.

In the past 10 years, Japan has imported more than 80,000 Minis, mostly new cars supplied by Rover, but including 11,000 that are classics, not just sporty Coopers but also woodies — estate versions with wooden rear frames — vans and pick-ups. At the last count, Japan had more than 800 Mini dealers selling everything from hats and badges to fully-built cars, which, shipped from Britain, were fetching up to £20,000.

Although not a Mini enthusiast, Empson knew a business opportunity when he saw one and moved in. That was in 1992 and three years on, his company, Broadspeed Engineering, has become one of the best-known Mini specialists, selling restored cars not just to Japan, but also Canada, Malaysia, Germany, Russia, Australia, even China.

Based in a ramshackle collection of barns and old chicken sheds on the Essex-Suffolk border, the Broadspeed name has proved crucial in making the overseas venture a success. Founded by Ralph Broad to build and race Minis, the team's now highly collectable Broadspeed GTs frequently beat the John Cooper Minis in the 1960s. By 1982, however, the company was in receivership and stayed there for more than ten years until Empson acquired the name . . . and the blessing of the founder. Business jumped by 60 per cent in one year.

Empson's first Mini was acquired from a local Ford dealer. "It was an old pick-up, which I ran for a short while before sticking an ad in *Exchange and Mart* at twice what I paid for it," he says. "The phone nearly melted the day it came out — I could have sold it 10 times over."

Even this was nothing compared to what was happening in Japan. "I went there to sell a collection of racing cars, but it was impossible to ignore the mania for Minis." In Britain, people are enthusiastic about them, but in Japan it has become an obsession with some variants fetching up to 10 times what would be considered a sensible price in the UK. "They even have a saying," says Empson "'Mini sell like hot pancake'."

Within three months, Empson had bought about 20 Minis and a local company, Classic Wheel Restoration. "All we did was restore and sell Minis, no servicing, no MoTs. Business was good, but the name said nothing about Minis so I started looking for one which did. Eventually, after more than 80 telephone calls, I found Broadspeed." A great name in Mini circles, it works wonders — and not just in Japan.

"Germany, too, now has more than 100 Mini clubs and quality is very important." This is reflected in the price of many restorations: £25,000 is not considered excessive by some German enthusiasts. "Obviously we are quite happy to deal at that level, but, of course, a lot of people do not want to pay that much for a car which, whatever you do to it, is still only a mass-produced Mini. You're talking about rebuilding a car to far higher standards than BMC could even have contemplated. That makes them expensive."

Many of Broadspeed's customers want old Mini looks but without the cost of the real thing. "They don't want a genuine Mk1 Cooper S, just carbs, sliding windows, all that stuff, and a few personal modifications. One American ordered an extra loud horn because drivers in the US just don't see tiny Minis".

Restoring a rare Mk1 Cooper S — the donor car that every fanatic really wants — could cost more than £10,000. That would be crazy money, so Empson hit on the idea of his own modern "Retro" model.

The Retro starts life as one of the thousands of low-mileage, rust-free *Mini City* or Mini Mayfair models that come up for sale. Broadspeed strips and resprays the shell, rebuilds the engine and retrims the interior to look like the real old thing. Older-style lights, chrome trim including bumpers, grille, mirrors and *Mini-lite wheels* complete the "back to the future" look.

Empson admits that the result, rebuilt to showroom standards for around £5,000, is not a real Cooper S, but for anybody who wants to enjoy the feel of Mini motoring, the Retro has revived the Mk1 look and style which made the car such a masterpiece when it was first revealed to the world in 1959.

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Continuing his series on legends of British motoring, **Lord Montagu of Beaulieu** profiles W.O. Bentley

Engine genius who didn't like motor cars

"The motor car seemed to me a disagreeable vehicle," W.O. Bentley observed in his autobiography, an unpromising statement from the man who gave his name to one of Britain's most charismatic cars.

Like Henry Royce and Laurence Pomeroy, Bentley began his working life with locomotives and one can understand that a man raised on Henry Ivatt's majestic, smooth and powerful Atlantics would have had little time for the vibrating, spluttering turn-of-the-century motor car.

Unlike Royce, Walter Owen Bentley was born (in 1888) in very comfortable circumstances in Avenue Road, St John's Wood. He was the youngest of six boys, and the household included three sisters and, again from his autobiography, "an appropriate complement of servants". He was educated at Clifton, where he excelled mainly at cricket, and then began a premium apprenticeship at the Great Northern Railway Company's Doncaster workshops, transferring to King's Cross for his last two years.

Apart from the 60-hour week, each day starting at six ("to be even 30 seconds late was an unforgivable crime"), life at Doncaster was not easy, for there was a great gulf between the premium apprentices, whose parents paid £75 for their sons, and the regular apprentices, mostly sons of men who had spent all their lives with the Great Northern, who were paid five shillings a week. Nevertheless, Bentley stuck it out, learnt a lot and made good friends.

He did not pursue a career in railways because he could see little future for himself in it. By 1910, he had come to accept the motor car, though his first involvement with road vehicles was ownership of a Quadrant motorcycle with a surface carburettor and single-speed transmission. He obtained a job as general assistant with the National Motor Cab Company in Hammersmith. One of his tasks was to catch out cabbies who were clocking their meters. The cabbies were an ingenious bunch, and as soon as Bentley stopped one loophole, they found another.

After two years at Hammersmith, W.O. joined his brother, H.M. Bentley, in an agency for the French DFP car. In W.O.'s words, the DFP was "a pleasant enough little motor car", but it was not until Bentley began to tune the engine that it became a serious performer. His main change — and a pioneering one in car design — was to replace the iron pistons with an alloy consisting of 88 per cent aluminium and 12 per cent copper. Thus equipped, the DFPs took class records at Brooklands and covered a flying mile at 89.7mph (144kmh). Plans for DFP to fit these pistons at the factory were frustrated by the outbreak of the First World War.

Bentley's experience with aluminium pistons was invaluable during the war. He worked on aero engines, modifying the French-designed Clerget rotary, then built at the Gwynne and Humber factories as the BRI and BR2 (Bentley Rotary). At the end of the war, W.O. returned to selling DFPs at Bentley & Bentley, but was anxious to see his name on a car of his own. Aided by Frank Burgess, a former designer and works driver for Humber, he came up with a four-cylinder engine with a single overhead camshaft. Bentley described it as a 3-litre, the first time this terminology was used for a British car. All subsequent Bentleys made between the wars were to use the litre description.

> 'We never won a race at a mile an hour faster than we had to'

By the mid-1920s the Bentley name had gathered much of the glamour which it has enjoyed ever since. However, the company was always under-capitalised, and in 1925 would have gone under had it not been for the intervention of Woolf Barnato, the richest and best known of the Bentley Boys, whose successes at Le Mans gave the company so much prestige.

Other Bentley Boys included Clive and Jack Dunfee, sons of City stockbroker Vickers Dunfee, naval office Glen Kidston, Australian millionaire Bernard Rubin and the evergreen journalist S.C.H. Sammy Davis, who nursed the damaged 3-litre to victory at Le Mans in 1927. Bentley described his relationship with them as "part father-confessor, part schoolmaster". It must have been quite a difficult position: they were mostly much richer men of independent means, and not likely to take kindly to the discipline of a racing team, but discipline had to be maintained.

The drivers were not paid, receiving only expenses, and used to grumble a bit about being slowed down, but "we never won a race at a mile an hour faster than we had to", said Bentley. And then there were the girlfriends — a lively and frequently changing crowd, who followed the Bentley Boys to Le Mans. It always seemed to fall to W.O. to patch up their quarrels and dry their tears. He was begged by three different drivers to meet "the most wonderful woman ... We knew each other pretty well by coffee at the end of the third meal!"

In June 1931 fortune ran out for Bentley Motors Ltd. They had debts of more than £100,000. Barnato was unable to underwrite them any more, and the company went into receivership. There were negotiations with aero engine makers Napier, who had built a luxury car of their own up to 1924, but they were defeated by a sealed bid in court by a mysterious group called the British Central Equitable Trust Ltd. Bentley had no idea who this trust represented, and only learnt from a cocktail party conversation overheard by his wife. A stranger said that his company had recently taken over. Bentley. Her hostess told her that his name was Arthur Sidgreaves, and on returning home she told W.O., adding: "Who is Sidgreaves?" "He's the managing director of Rolls-Royce," Bentley replied.

That he had to learn about the takeover in this way must have soured Bentley's feelings about his new employers from the start, and things did not get any better. Rolls-Royce planned a new car based on their 20/25, but most of his suggestions were rejected and when his contract came up for renewal in 1935 he left and moved to Lagonda, though he did say later about the new 3½-litre Bentley. "... I would rather own this Bentley than any other produced under that name."

Lagonda was a very small outfit compared with Rolls-Royce, who, coincidentally, had considered buying it just at the time that Bentley joined them. In fact it was brought by Alan Good, a Lincoln's Inn lawyer, and Bentley was put in charge of revamping an ageing design. The engine was a 4½-litre pushrod six made by Meadows, which was used up to the outbreak of war in 1939, but Bentley raised power from 115 to 140bhp by an improved cross-flow inlet manifold and a lighter flywheel. For 1938 he gave the Lagonda independent front suspension and into this chassis, in addition to the six, went a 4½-litre V12 engine.



Charisma with wings: W.O. with the 1928 4½-lite Le Mans Bentley, top, and a 1939 Lagonda powered by the V12 engine. Illustration by Philip Castle

This was W.O.'s finest achievement — refined, quiet and with turbine-like smoothness — and it was his own work, whereas all the vintage Bentleys were derived from the Burgess-designed 3-litre. V12-equipped sports cars finished third and fourth at Le Mans in 1939, and they could well have won in 1940 had not war intervened. As it was, the V12 was used in a mini-hydroplane for the Royal Navy, which never went into production, and for the rest of the war Bentley was engaged on generally boring work with aircraft components and flame-throwers.

After the war Bentley designed a 2½-litre twin-overhead camshaft six for Lagonda, which so attracted David Brown, who had just bought Aston Martin, that he bought Lagonda as well (for £52,500), so that he could use the engine in the DB2 sports saloon. Lagonda also used it in a heavier car of their own, made up to 1958, and Bentley designed a radial five-cylinder and flat six which were never made. He left Lagonda in the early 1950 and, after a spell in consultancy work, which included a 3-litre twin-cam engine for Armstrong-Siddeley, he retired in 1959.

Always a very modest man, he was gratified by the interest shown in "his" Bentleys by organisations like the Bentley Drivers' Club, but could never quite understand the degree of enthusiasm. He would never make a speech in public, but was persuaded to give some radio and television interviews. He lived quietly in Surrey until his death, at the age of 82, in August 1971.

Hundreds of mourners attended his funeral in Guildford Cathedral, supported by 68 of his cars. He would have been delighted by the higher profile that Bentley cars now have in the Rolls-Royce range.

From elephant hide to gold-inlaid walnut veneer in a century of luxury

This seat of kings ... **Kevin Eason** looks back at 100 years of Daimler

It might have 100 years on the clock, but the car that started the British car industry is still as sprightly as the gorgeous limousine made to help celebrate its birthday.

The Daimler company was formed on January 14, 1896 by a collection of businessmen more used to factories that made sewing machines and bicycles than the new-fangled motor car.

It was almost another year before the first model left the Coventry factory, but that upright vehicle, with a tiny, four-horsepower engine, solid tyres and a tiller instead of a steering wheel, launched what was to become one of the world's most powerful industries.

The 1897 Daimler Phaeton-Grafton will be at the centre of celebrations for the centenary of the British motor industry next year, where it will be joined by its direct, if somewhat more elegant, descendant, Jaguar, which has held the Daimler title since 1960, is producing 200 Centenary Daimlers to mark the anniversary of the badge, which has survived 100 years and is only outranked by Benz in the motoring annals.

The fact that the name still exists at all — and belongs to Britain — is something of a curiosity in a world in which the attrition rate of famous badges has been enormous over the past century.

The story of how Frederick Simms took Britain into the race to make cars using engine technology by Gottlieb Daimler, his German friend, is told in a new book by Lord Montagu of Beaulieu with David Burgess-Wise.

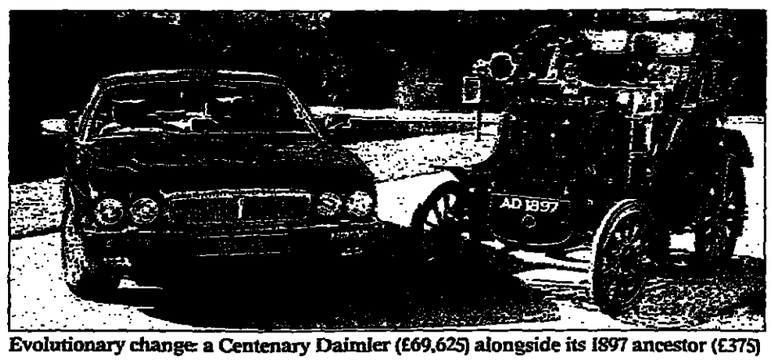
Simms formed the Daimler Motor Syndicate in 1893, originally wanting to instal a carmaking plant in an old gas engine works in Cheltenham, the spa town which now seems an unlikely choice for a heavy engineering business. But he sold the Syndicate to Harry J. Lawson, an entrepeneur who knew how to make money and was far-sighted enough to figure out that the horseless carriage was the coming thing.

Lawson chose an old cotton mill in Coventry and put the engineering skills of the local workforce to good use. Remarkably, Lawson took almost nothing from Daimler's technology, which was for a rear-engined carriage already fast going out of fashion by the time the Coventry factory opened its doors. He kept only the name, and instead took inspiration from the French and the front-engined Panhard Levassor with rear-wheel drive through a gearbox.

One of the earliest Daimler customers was John Scott Montagu, Lord Montagu's father, who happily drove from Beaulieu to London and even persuaded the Prince of Wales, later Edward VII, to abandon horse-drawn carriages for the modern motor car. From then on, the Daimler was synonymous with Royalty, great limousines used on state occasions because of their silent grace. More than 1,000 Daimlers were used at the coronation of George VI in 1937; no wonder Daimlers became known as the "Cars of Kings". The original Syndicate business had merged with BSA, the great arms to cycles conglomerate, in 1910 for financial strength. Dudley Docker, the chairman, was to keep an oddly long association with Daimler through his son, Bernard, who became Daimler chairman 40 years later, although his daughter-in-law, Norah, later Lady Docker, was probably more infamous as the prompter of a number of "specials", with gold plating and interior trims made from the skins of exotic animals.



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Sir William Lyons paid £3.5 million for Daimler to add to his fast-growing Jaguar company and was quick to appreciate the value of such a historic badge, although future limousines were to become little more than top-of-the-range Jaguars. The splendidly-named Majestic Major, a 4.5-litre V8 saloon, struggled on to 1968, although the exotic Dart sports car, made to rebuild Daimler's fortunes in the United States, was already on a one-way ticket to oblivion in Sir William's rationalisation plans.

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Collectors pick their family favourites

Nostalgia has enhanced the everyday runabout, says **Vaughan Freeman**

The Ford Zodiac, Morris Minor and Hillman Minx cars of the 1950s and 1960s, viewed through a nostalgic veil of self-induced amnesia, never broke down, always got you there in time for football matches England won, and were the backdrop to cloud-free, sunny summer picnics.

These were the saloons of post-war, pre-motorway Britain, remembered fondly for its empty roads, no speed cameras or radar traps, and when, since few cars could get anywhere near 70mph, the lack of a speed limit was academic.

Cars always seemed big when the children of baby boomers dangled their legs over the bench seats with no belts to strap us in tight. But then we never thought there was any danger as we gazed up at our father's face and wondered how he made this huge hulk of metal move. Today, those mass-produced cars — the Fiestas, Astras and Mondeos of their time — no longer swarm the street. Astonishing as it seems, the cars our fathers drove us to school in, took us on holidays to the seaside in, and cursed to high Heaven when they regularly refused to go are now classics.

Only five years ago, such modest, no-nonsense vehicles were alien to the world of classic car auctions. Now they are taking pride of place in the auctioneer's catalogue, raising smiles and bids alongside the Jaguars, Lamborghinis and Bentleys.

Next week, Coys of Kensington expects to have no problems selling to enthusiastic bidders a range of cars that will include a 1959 Hillman Minx De Luxe, a 1971 Austin Mini Cooper Mark III, and a 1955 Ford Prefect.

The Prefect, expected to fetch between £3,000 and £5,000, has had just two lady owners since 1955, has always been garaged and has covered only 44,000 miles. The Mini Cooper is also estimated to fetch between £3,000 and £5,000 and, with just 42,500 miles on the clock, is thought to be one of the lowest genuine mileage Cooper Mk III models available.

The Cooper is a prime example of faulty memory triumphing over reality. Pink-tinted mists of time ensure that it is remembered as a machine with neck-snapping acceleration. In fact, the Cooper could manage only 85mph flat-out, and had a 0-60mph time of more than 17 seconds, a take-off rate which any self-respecting five-year-old on a bicycle, even with stabilisers, could match.

> The Minx harks back to when life was simpler

The 1959 Hillman Minx De Luxe, with an estimate sale value of between £1,500 and £2,000, is the snip of the event. From new, this car has had only two owners and covered fewer than 19,000 miles, and, according to the catalogue: "Hillman traditionally represented solid middle-class values with a dash of style which was often missing from the 1950s British saloons."

Proof of the resurgence in popularity of such cars came at the Brooks classic car auction at this week's London Motor Show. A 1968 Morris Mini, once-white paint faded yellow, "RAC Running In" sticker peeling and bubbling, tyres square through lack of use, fetched £3,100 as half-a-dozen bidders fought for ownership, against the expected price of £1,800. A sweet but funereally black 1955 Morris Minor Convertible, expected to fetch upwards of £2,800, sold finally for £3,750. A 1951 Austin A135 Princess, one of those saloons the local doctor always seemed to own, was obviously somewhat posher because that achieved £10,350 — positively big spenders' territory.

Given that their style, like their performance, hasn't improved over the intervening decades, what has happened to make these cars increasingly popular? The Minx perhaps gives some of the answer. Even more than the Cooper and the Prefect, the Minx harks back to when life was simpler, when things, like the television of the age, were seen in black and white.

Now such cars — which should be remembered clearly and analytically as hopelessly unreliable, slow and cramped — are exciting interest and offers. Even so, recent editions of *Top Marques*, the specialist motor magazine full of advertisements for Ferraris and Rolls-Royces, have included adverts for such machines as a 1969 Ford Zodiac Mk II (£2,295), a 1954 Talbot Sunbeam 90 Mk2A (£3,150) and a 1958 Ford Consul MkII Hi-Line (£3,900). At least if the cars aren't exotic, neither are the prices.

Chris Routledge, Coys' sales manager, says: "Everybody remembers cars like these very fondly. There is an increasing following for British saloon cars of the 50s, 60s and early 70s. People forget the horrors of motoring in the past, and when cars such as these come up for sale, in good condition and which have lasted well, they make people smile.

"That is why there is more of a focus on British cars of that era now than ever before. Only five years ago they would never have been included in classic car auctions, but the definition of what is a classic is now wider and broader."

As well as nostalgia, older cars costing less than £5,000 provide a relatively inexpensive entry into the classic car world. It is also a highly sociable world of marque clubs and support groups, where rallies and events give owners an instant social world as well as a constant source of parts and advice. The vehicles are mechanically straightforward, and if something goes wrong it can be fixed or replaced without huge cost, a relief to those flummoxed by modern computer chip engine management systems.

But those who fancy themselves as classic car speculators will not make a fortune, warns Mr Routledge. "These are not investment motor cars. The thing with older cars is that if they do increase in value, that is a very nice, but it is a bonus. Primarily such cars are to be driven and enjoyed."

Not every car will benefit from a nostalgia revival just because it is a few years old, according to Robert Thornton, Brooks' motor car specialist. "Some cars, like the Vauxhall Viva, Morris Marina and Morris Allegro, I think were — and still are — absolutely horrible, with ugly vinyl interiors. But there is no accounting for taste.

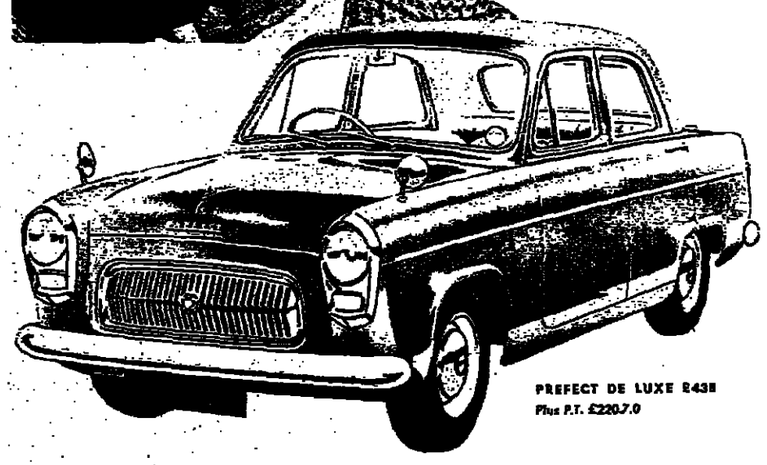
"It is cars like the Morris 1000 that are now increasing in popularity, cars that have a certain charm. Everyone can understand why a Ferrari, of whatever age, is regarded as a classic. For everyday cars like the Morris Mini, nostalgia is the thing."

Coys' auction, Tuesday, The Royal Horticultural Halls, Vincent Square, Westminster, London. Tel: 0171-584 7444.





Unreliable memories: people who regard them as classics, forget that cars like the Ford Prefect regularly refused to go



DR DASHBOARD

Auctions and how to avoid a hammering

Q What a nice idea: buying a car like my dad's. But must I go to an auction? The idea terrifies me.

A A perfectly normal reaction among many patients who feel they might make fools of themselves in front of hundreds of experienced bidders. But there is really no need to worry.

Q Easy for you to say, but there must be pitfalls for the inexperienced. Where should we start?

A Get hold of a catalogue for the sale which will give complete descriptions of each car, their age and condition. For classic cars, you probably need to get advice or experience of the model. If you just want a family runabout or to save some money, write to ADT Auctions (at Blackbushe Airport, Blackwater, Camberley, Surrey GU1 79LG) for its *Guide to Buying*. That gives good advice.

Q But will we find ourselves bidding against a roomful of Arthur Daleys?

A No, but you will have to be alert. You will see the car beforehand — but don't bother taking a screwdriver for closer inspection because it's not allowed. The car will be driven into the hall, so listen to the engine note, look for black smoke and "get on the car", as the trade parlance has it.

Q I beg your pardon? I have never been on a car in my life, and don't intend to soil my best trousers on a moving bonnet now.

A Sometimes I wonder why I bother. Getting on the car means getting close to it in the ring. You can touch it and look around the interior while the bidding gets under way. But make your mind up quickly — very quickly.

Q How quickly? Is this a heat in Olympic car-buying or something?

A Just about. ADT reckons to sell a car every minute at its main sales, so you only have time to get your breath. That means you must go to the auction prepared.

Q With a pair of running shoes by the sound of it. Prepared for what?

A Know exactly what you want and how much you want to spend. Don't fall for a car that comes into the ring and find yourself bidding away next month's mortgage money. Don't forget: if you buy a classic, there will be an auctioneer's fee to pay of between 5 and 15 per cent, dependending on the auction house. ADT does not charge for its bulk sales of mainstream cars. So stick to your budget and let the car go if it is above your price. When you see the car you want, listen to the auctioneer more intently than to an episode of *The Archers*.

Q Why? Does he know the plot for next week's episode?

A Do you want help or not? He will give a rapid description of each car. If he says the logbook is to follow, forget it. In fact, any missing documentation is a no-no. Service history is vital, and if he says the car comes to sale direct then it is probably ex-company or fleet and has got a good history. Could be a good buy.

Q Oh yes. A good buy and then you discover it is stolen or the wheel falls off on the way home and then what happens?

A If you go to a reputable auction, that should not happen. ADT offers an indemnity which protects the buyer against the car being stolen or still under a hire purchase agreement. If you are not satisfied with the mechanicals, you have an hour to return the car.

Q So I should start perfecting my signal to the auctioneer to make sure I get in for the car I want before anybody else.

A When you see what you want, just signal clearly — don't try to be clever by winking or tugging your ear. The auctioneer will only assume you have a nervous tick.

Does your hire car really have to be new? **Kevin Eason** meets a man who doesn't think so

It may be second-hand, but it's cheap

Renting a car is a quick way to an urgent destination — and a severe pain in the wallet when driving all but the smallest models.

But Bolton Agnew saw a way to bring car rental within the reach of people who wanted the temporary use of a reliable car without having to take out a second mortgage. He founded Practical Car and Van Rental using second-hand cars and vans he could run for next to nothing — and customers could hire for just about as little.

The idea of renting-a-wreck came from Canada and the United States. Agnew worked as a carpenter at the 1976 Montreal Olympics and quickly caught on to the idea that he could transfer the concept to Britain, where giant multi-national corporations had a stranglehold on the rental market.

With his friend, Harold Williams, and start-up capital of just £70,000, he bought some Ford Cortinas and put them up for hire for £5 a day from a yard in Birmingham.

Eleven years on, Practical has a fleet of about 4,000 vehicles — 70 per cent of them used cars and vans which still offer budget rental to Britain's motorists. There are 180 Practical locations around the country with 22 new sites opened this year and plans for more over the next year.

One analyst says: "Getting into the rental business is very difficult because there is such a gap between the little local company that lets out the odd Fiesta or Mondeo and the Hertz and Budget Rent-a-Car businesses which are huge and are the names that people automatically think of when they reach for the telephone to make a booking."

Breaking down those barriers will take a long time for a company that might have a turnover of £8 million but is still a fledgling in terms of its biggest competitors.

Agnew, 45, says: "It is a brilliantly simple idea really. I saw it operating very successfully when I was in Canada and knew it was widespread over there. It was just a question of translating the business to this country.

"We started with very little, just hoping that people wouldn't be put off by the idea that they would be driving a used car instead of a brand new one. But it has not proved a barrier at all."

During the frugal years of the recession, when not just private renters but businesses were counting every penny, renting used cars was a clever sector of the market to be in. Companies were suddenly not so interested in sending employees out in the latest, whizz-bang, gleaming, go-faster model straight from the assembly line, but more concerned about the value for money they were likely to get out of a day's rental. It was the sort of crucial turning point — being in the right place at the right time — that every business dreams of. While every other business was tightening belts, Practical Car and Van Rental kept up its momentum towards expansion.

Although second-hand vehicles are the mainstay of the fleet, none of the cars is a wreck: the average age of the fleet is under two years and Agnew is working towards having half his car fleet new and half second-hand in the future to offer wider choice.

"The idea was never to run a rent-a-wreck type of business," he adds. "The cars might have been used, and we have used cars now, but they are still in good condition with the sort of full breakdown protection that customers would expect of any large rental business.

"The point has been to keep the cost down. Businessmen and women normally do the renting of cars, but we felt the market was wider than that. But businesses which keep an eye on costs can rent from us and know that the car will still work fine, still be comfortable and yet cost that much less."

Rental now starts at £21 a day, low enough for motorists to calculate that they can get a day's travelling without paying so much that they feel as though they should own the car when they return it to the rental company pound.

"We are trying to stretch the business so that it offers a wide variety of cars," says Agnew. "But we started because we believed that we could offer prices that would not hurt. We have continued to grow fast because we have been offering value for money."

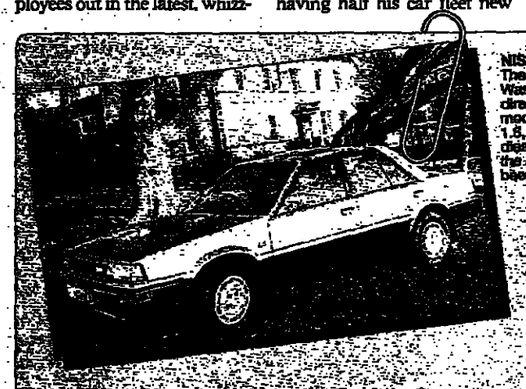
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USED CAR BRIEF



NISSAN BLUEBIRD

The Bluebird was the first car to be built at Nissan's shiny, all-new factory at Washington, Tyne and Wear, and was produced between 1986 and 1990. A direct crib from a Japanese design, the model was initially made in four-door models, the five-door hatchback arrived in 1987, and both were available in 1.6, 1.8 and 1.8 turbo-charged and 2-litre petrol engines, as well as a 2-litre diesel, in a letter-strewn array of trim levels. The GSX came in 1988 as well as the L estate, and in 1989 the entry-level 1.6 Premium. The range has now been replaced by the award-winning Primera.



GOOD NEWS: Ease of access for children's seats, not helped by the fact that rear doors open only as far as the front doors. The Bluebird has proved its dependability among owners surveyed by its manufacturer, Nissan, and is considered well-built and reliable enough to go around the block.

BAD NEWS: Problems with creaking bodywork often diagnosed by replacing worn door hinges. Broken turbos make high-performance models generally unloved. Long service intervals means DIY owners might have skipped essential work so dealer models often preferred. Older models suffer soggy brakes and weak headlamps.

SAFETY RATING: The Department of Transport rates the Bluebird 10 per cent safer than most cars overall, ahead of the Ford Sierra/Sapphire, Nissan Stanza and Toyota Carina. On a par with the Vauxhall Cavalier but not as safe as the Audi 80/90 and Citroen BX.

REPLACEMENT PARTS: (Prices include VAT) clutch assembly, £140; tail exhaust, £110; front damper, £165; rear damper, £50; front brakepads, £40; alternator, £198; starter motor, £165; Tyre, £95 to £65.

AVOID: Early 1984-86 front-wheel drive imported versions. Avoid ex-fleets which could well have done 200,000 miles and more. Cars without power steering manual driving, tiring, and saloons less prized than hatchback models. Pre-1984, rear-wheel-drive models not for buying.

INSURANCE: Cover from AA Insurance (0800 444777) on a 1990 Nissan Bluebird 2.0GSX costs a [illegible] professional, male or [illegible] in Manchester and [illegible] claims bonus, £141; a [illegible] comprehensive, a [illegible] living in south [illegible] with one year no claims bonus £233 and a similar female £237 fully comprehensive.

PRICE RANGE: Expect to pay £1,250 for a 1986 D-reg 1.6L four-door, £2,750 for a 1990 G-reg 1.6L four-door hatchback and £4,600 for a 1990 G-reg 2.0GSX five-door hatchback.

LOOK FOR: Post 1986 UK-built models. GS badged models come with power steering as well as power sunroof, electric windows throughout and central locking. Five-door hatches most useful but generally attract a premium of £150 to £200 over four-door saloons. For economy, 1.6 and 1.8 litre petrols are best.

OVERALL: Problems with the Bluebird are hard to find, and the car comes better equipped than equivalent models like the Sierra, and makes a better all-rounder than the Cavalier. Built at Nissan's factory in the North East, the Bluebird has won many fans for its build quality and longevity provided exciting looks are not a high priority.

DRIVERS confused by the plethora of anti-theft equipment on the market can get instant guidance from the Motor Insurance Repair Research Centre. The centre, funded by 80 insurance companies, will return by fax information on which equipment to buy and where as well as what price to pay.

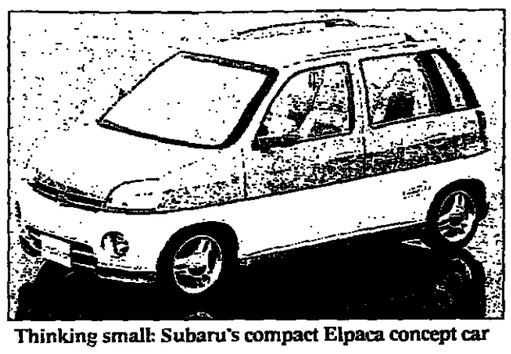
Although there are 24 million cars on the road, the centre, at Thatcham in Berkshire, estimates that only one in six is equipped with an engine immobiliser, reckoned to be the best protection against theft.

Thatcham has been tested dozens of types of alarms and immobilisers and drawing up recommended systems which lead to discounts on insurance premiums.

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Alan Copps reports from the Tokyo Motor Show on the results of Honda drive combined with Italian flair

Stylistic sporting concepts



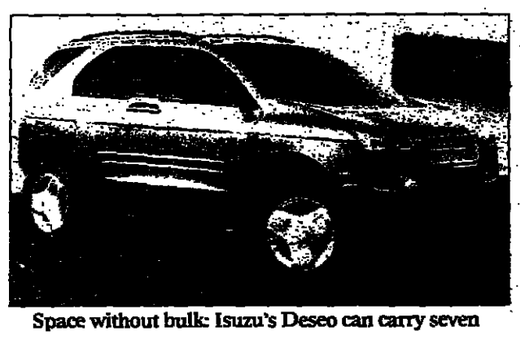
Thinking small: Subaru's compact Elpaca concept car



The Japanese design: Honda's sleek SSM combines some retrospective features with state-of-the-art technology...



...and Europe's Pininfarina version: the Argento Vivo



Space without bulk: Isuzu's Deseo can carry seven

It sounds like a step back in time: a sports car with front engine and rear-wheel drive, made that way simply because it's more fun to drive. But that could be the shape of things to come.

Two versions of a Honda sports car were unveiled at the Tokyo Motor Show this week, one the SSM from the company's own design department, the other, the Argento Vivo commissioned by Honda from the Italian stylist Pininfarina.

The two Hondas share the front engine, rear-wheel drive layout, the first such cars the company has produced for more than 30 years, but that is all they share. Otherwise these two concept cars illustrate the difference between Japanese and European attitudes to design. The Honda version has sleek lines, but also has some deliberately retrospective features, echoing the sports cars made during the 1960s when the company first made its name in racing.

Its cabin is divided by a beam that separates the driver from the passenger, emphasising, according to the company's stylists, the interaction between the driver and his car.

But beneath the skin, it uses some of the company's most advanced technology: a five-cylinder V-Tec engine with variable valves, so that both performance and economy can be increased according to the demands of the road, and automatic constantly variable transmission. It uses brakes and other running gear from the NSX, the company's "affordable supercar".

The Pininfarina version uses the same mechanical basis, but its bodywork and interior are an exploration of new and interesting materials. Sergio Pininfarina called the design a celebration of his company's 15-year involvement with Honda, but stressed it was not intended for production. The car has typically Italian flowing lines, emphasised by the polished aluminium finish of its bonnet and boot, a striking contrast to the dark blue resin of the rest of the bodywork. The glass roof slides down into the rear without impinging on luggage space. The rear window can also disappear into the same space, allowing it to be used as a truly open sports car as well as a coupé.

The most extraordinary feature, though, is again found in the cockpit. Doors, dashboard, transmission tunnel and even seat backs are finished in wood, moulded marine ply, which gives the whole interior a nautical air. But it is very much a design exercise. Pininfarina was quick to admit that it would need a lot of modification before production could even be considered.

Overall, Honda gave the impression of a car that would work mechanically and had been designed with the practical aim of appealing to the growing market for fun roadsters and could be produced at a price to compete with the likes of Mazda's MX3 and the MGF. The Pininfarina car had bags of flair and presence, but its ideas would need to be thoroughly tested before it could go on the road.

The Tokyo Show is traditionally the great display case of concept vehicles. Apart from the Hondas there are a number of other coupés and roadsters, and the oriental variety are joined by an extraordinary open-wheeled BMW and an Audi roadster.

There is a general trend away from the big four-wheel-drive off-roaders towards smaller, more flexible varieties which might prove more practical in town. The Deseo from Isuzu accommodates seven, despite its comparatively modest size, while Subaru has gone to the other end of the scale with its little Elpaca concept. Subaru is also responsible for another impressive four-wheel-drive offering in the Alpha-Exiga, a big streamlined estate designed to match the versatility of the increasingly popular people-movers without the associated height or bulk.

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Answer the following questions:

a) Which other motor show opened this week?

b) Which Italian stylist was commissioned by Honda to design their new sports car?

Send your answers on a postcard to: *The Times*/AA Competition, 5 Brittons Court, London EC88 6NG. The closing date is Monday, November 6, 1995. The first 25 correct answers selected at random will win the prizes. Normal Times Newspapers competition rules apply.

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How did you first learn to drive?

My father taught me in a very old Triumph. The rear springs had gone. He replaced them himself with old coach springs, which meant that the car tilted forward. It also suffered from a leaky radiator, which my father remedied by keeping a gallon of water in the car. When he sold it — for £10 — the buyer asked what all the water was for. "My lad has a terrible thirst," he replied.

What was your first car?

Another very old Triumph, a 1932 vintage, with an aluminium body and seats you blew up with a bicycle pump.

Which car do you drive now and why?

A Rover Sterling. I used to work for Rover, editing their magazine, and as part of the job I got a Rover car. It is a left over from that deal. The best car is always one that someone else has paid for. It always starts and gets me there.

Do you like driving?

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Which is your dream car?

A Rolls-Royce. I like the old-fashioned craftsmanship and quality. If I had all the money in the world, I would own one. And I wouldn't give a bugger if people thought it was ostentatious.

What infuriates you most about other drivers?

When they pick their noses in traffic jams. I saw a woman do it the other day, and it is most off-putting. I also hate people smoking in their car. I send cars back from various organisations, if they have sent one to pick me up, if the driver has been smoking.

What is the most unusual thing you have done in your car?

Difficult one that. I don't think it is really anything I dare tell you about.

Have you ever had points on your licence?

Twice. For speeding. In the mists of time. I have been very lucky.

What do you listen to in the car?

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If you were Secretary of State for Transport, what is the first thing you would do?

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Goodbye to 'Mr Mondeo'

JOHN OLDFIELD, who guided Aston Martin Lagonda to a record sales year, is to retire, *writes Kevin Eason*. The company announced he was stepping down this week after 37 years with Ford, which acquired the English sports car manufacturer in 1987.

Oldfield was one of Ford's most accomplished managers, widely known within the worldwide organisation as as "Mr Mondeo" after heading the programme for Ford's best-selling medium car.

The contrast could not have been greater: instead of overseeing a business making tens of thousands of cars every day around Europe, Aston Martin was little more than a cottage industry when he arrived, making only 100 of its V8 supercars annually.

Oldfield modernised the business and opened a factory near Banbury, in Oxfordshire, for the new DB7, now one of the world's most sought-after sports cars, with 500 already made and a forward order book stretching 12 months ahead.

Top chair at Aston now goes to David Price, another Ford man who has worked in product development and finance in Britain, the US and South America. Price has a similar profile to his predecessor: born in Chigwell, Essex, not far from Ford's big Dagenham plant, he joined Ford in 1964 and was programme director for Mondeo in 1988.

Like Oldfield, he is likely to bring a passion for cars with him to Newport Pagnell as well as the invaluable experience of seeing the inner workings of car plants big and small all over the world.

Oldfield says: "David and I were close colleagues ... he brings a wealth of experience with him to Aston Martin Lagonda."

English teacher gains top Mercs

Full speed into the millennium

It's a big step from a Fiat Panda automatic to a brand new Mercedes C-class. But Susan Rapaglia will be making the change this week after winning the *CAR 95* competition to drive into the millennium with the German luxury carmaker, writes Alan Copps.

Her prize, worth up to £60,000, was a five-year subscription to the company's Variations personal leasing plan, which includes a unique switch-and-swap feature allowing customers to exchange their saloon later for a more sophisticated model, an estate or a sports car.

Mrs Rapaglia, who teaches English in Northamptonshire, has her sights set on driving one of Mercedes' sensational new E-class models. But, sensibly, she has decided to work up to that level by starting with the C-class and switching after the first year's lease.

It's a decision that emphasises the flexibility of the plan, which was launched earlier this year. A subscription to Variations brings the customer fixed-price motoring, which includes insurance and maintenance for the term of the contract. It is said to offer the individual motorist the same freedom from worries that the company car driver enjoys.

The keys to her first car were presented to Mrs Rapaglia at the Mercedes stand at the London Motor Show by Steve Barfoot, Mercedes' rental manager.

"It will certainly turn a few heads in some of the college car parks," she says. "I was really amazed when I heard that I'd won. Now I'm really looking forward to it."

The drive into the millennium was one of several prizes presented to *CAR 95* readers recently.

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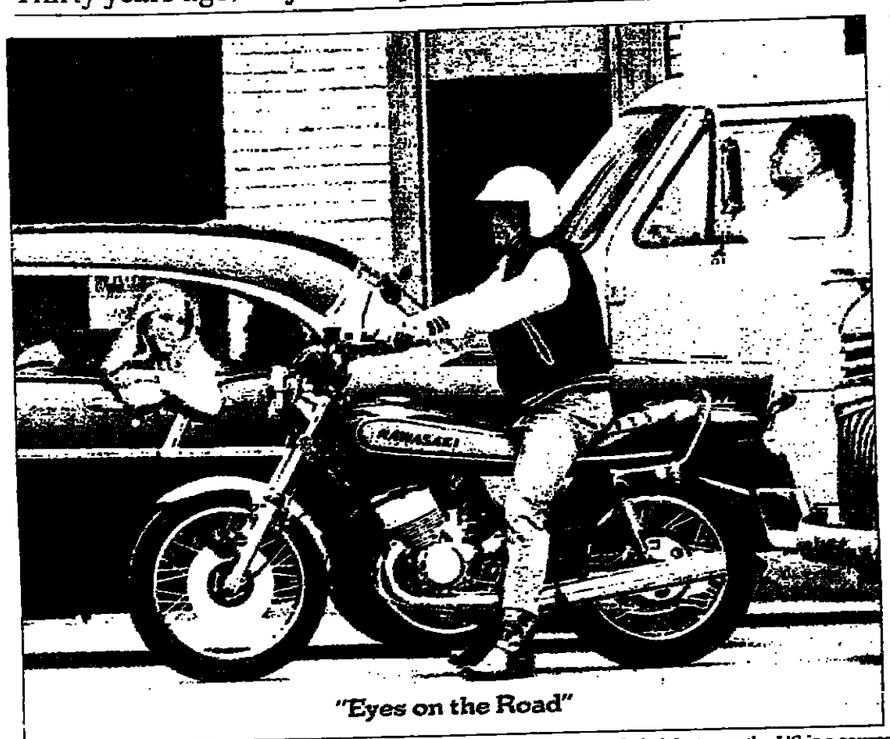
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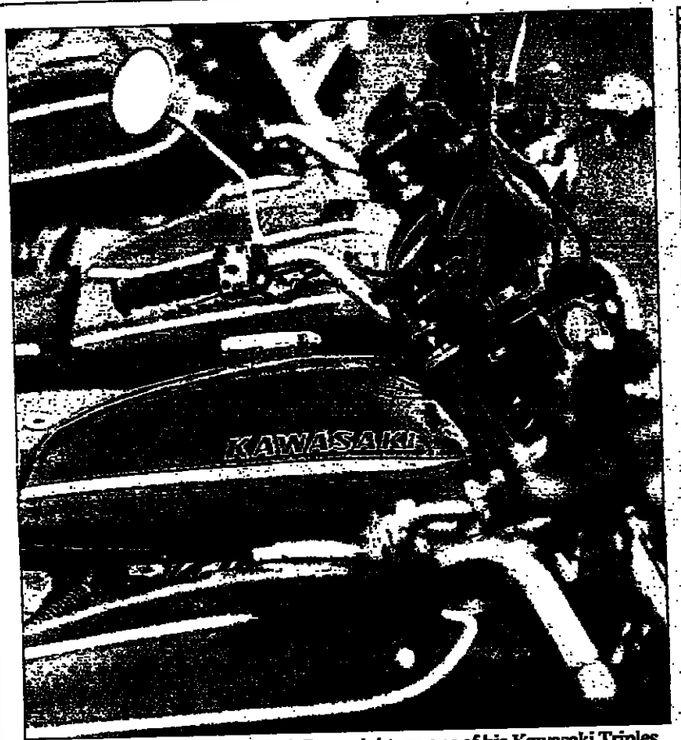
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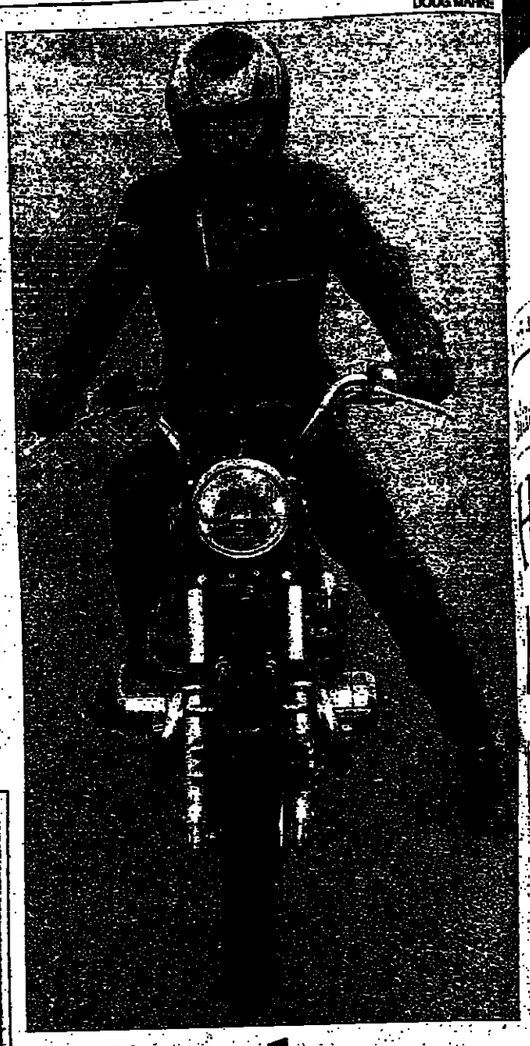
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Thirty years ago, they said Japanese bikes would never last; now they have become classics. **John Naish** reports from the International Motor Cycle Show



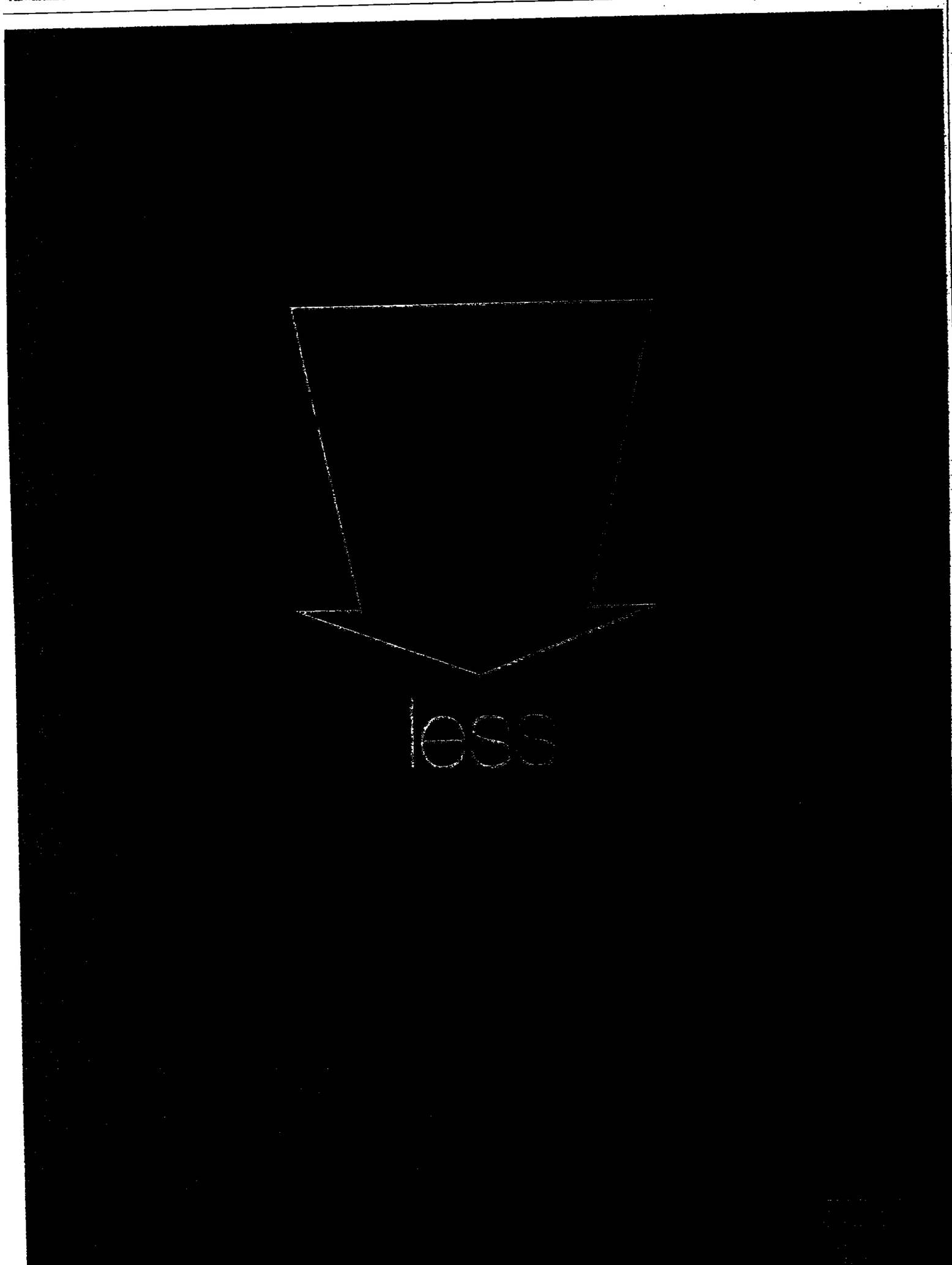
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Kawasaki dreamin': In America, left, the enthusiasm of the Sixties soon faded, but now the US is a source of machines for collectors like Rick Brett, right, on one of his Kawasaki Triples



See how the East has won

The massive halls of Birmingham's National Exhibition Centre are filled today with famous historic names, lines and lines of motorcycles with badges as familiar to the British as roast beef and Yorkshire pudding. Except the names are nearly all Japanese.

The UK motorcycle business was almost squeezed to death in the 1960s under the crushing weight of Japanese imports. Enthusiasts complained about "tin-and-plastic gimmicks" and moaned: "They might be fast, but they'll never last."

Yet 30 years later, the International Motor Cycle Show is almost a Japanese beanfeast. Yamahas, Kawasakis and Hondas dominate. Riders 30 years ago should have realised then that the Japanese were here to stay.

Don Leeson, a member of the 6,000-strong Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Club, knew they would. Early Japanese bikes are now regarded as classics, and prices are rising fast. Club members, often middle-aged men, either owned machines when they were younger or lusted after them from an impecunious distance.

Not that it seems to stop at one motorcycle. Leeson owns 60, and some members have more than 100. Most popular are the first "superbikes", such as the 1969 Honda 750 — the first mass-produced four-cylinder machine — and the 1973 900cc Kawasaki Z1, which could reach 130mph straight out of the crate.

Rick Brett is president of the Kawasaki Triple Owners Club, with 400 members, and has 20 machines. "While they are not as fast as modern superbikes, they still feel very quick, and the way my old 750 handles, you have to hang on and pray," he says.

Such is the growing enthusiasm that Bob Berry, editor of *Classic and Motorcycle Mechanics*, has changed the magazine's focus from old British bikes to Japanese ones.

"The decade from 1973 to 1983 was the most successful sales period for motorcycles in Britain," he says. "In the days of Barry Sheene's Grand Prix dominance, registrations reached 400,000 a year. People between 30 and 50 are buying these bikes now because they rode them when they were younger. It is the only area of motorcycling that is growing.



"The way my 750 handles, you have to hang on and pray" RICK BRETT

"If you haven't got the inclination or the money to buy a brand-new superbike, you can get just as much excitement buying a mint-condition 1978 Suzuki GS1000 for around £2,000. You can also insure it as a classic machine, which costs next to nothing, and most spares are still plentiful."

With the current level of demand for classic Japanese bikes in Britain, dealers are importing them from America, where many have survived beautifully in the warm climate. It has helped, too, that many American owners lost enthusiasm after a relatively few miles and stored their machines in their garages.

One West Country dealer claims to have imported 10,000 machines, and competition for pristine examples means that entrepreneurs are now scouring the US looking for specially ordered bikes.

The Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Club, PO Box 515, Dartford, Kent DA1 3RB.

AFTER years in the doldrums, two wheels are back. The International Motor Cycle Show will have 450 bikes in show over the next week, including 50 new machines from around the world. The Japanese manufacturers, inevitably, are out in enormous force, with Yamaha alone unveiling nine new or revised models for the British market.

Suzuki hopes to be still with its GSX-R 750, based on the chassis of the 500cc Grand Prix bike, while Honda is bringing a revamped Fireblade which gets more power as well as lots of tweaks.

But the British will be there in the form of the revitalised Triumph. Once down and out, the company has raised output from just 1,500 bikes in 1991 to 15,000 expected next year. The Midlands manufacturer introduces a new model in the Thunderbird range — the Adventurer — an 885cc 'custom' cruiser. Meanwhile, BMW introduces its new RH RT tourer to British audiences.

The International Motor Cycle Show is in the National Exhibition Centre Birmingham until November 5. Admission: £10 adults, £5 for under 16s and pensioners. Children under 10 go free. Opening times: 10am to 6pm. Parking free for motorcycles, £3.50 for cars.